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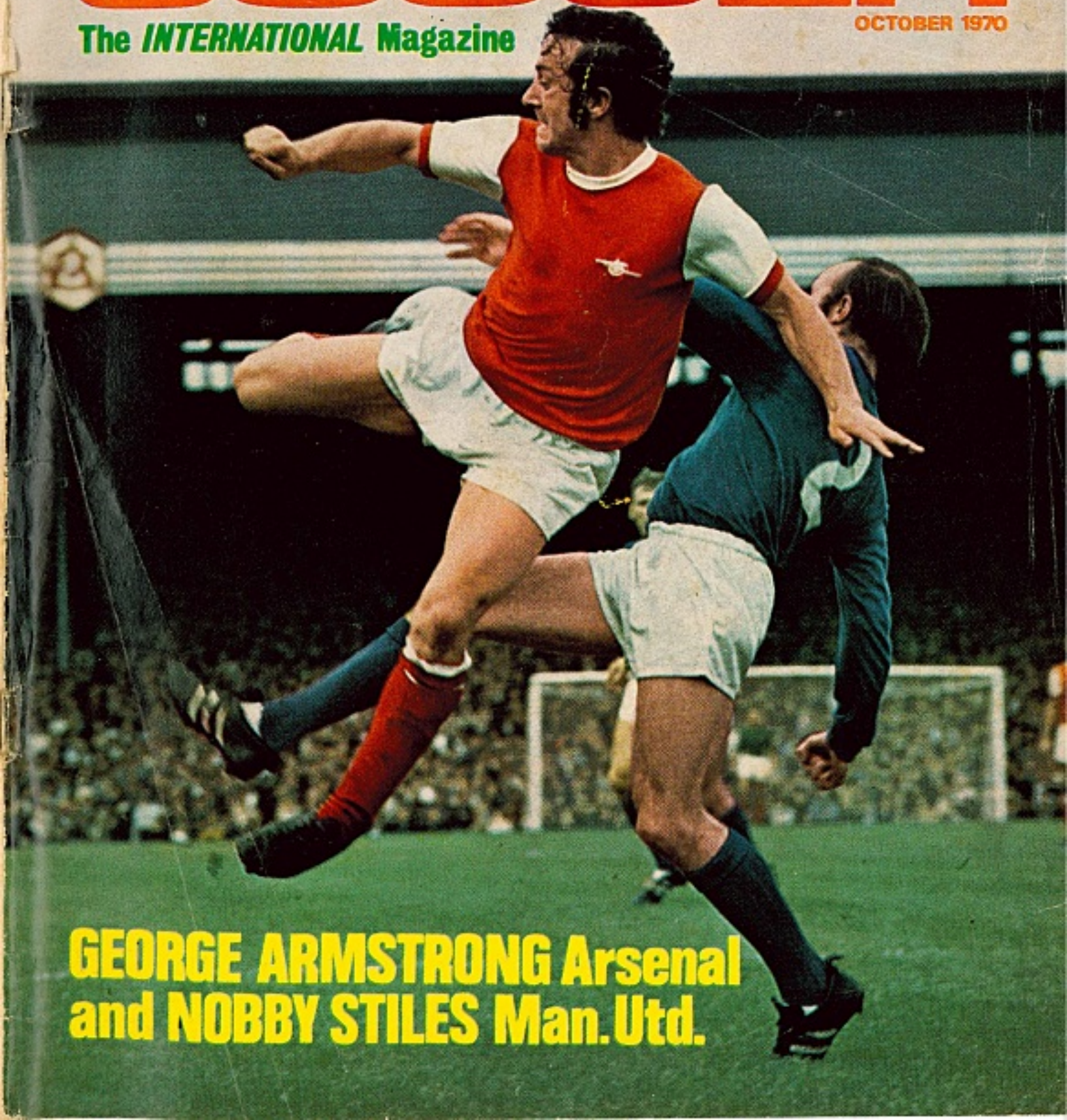

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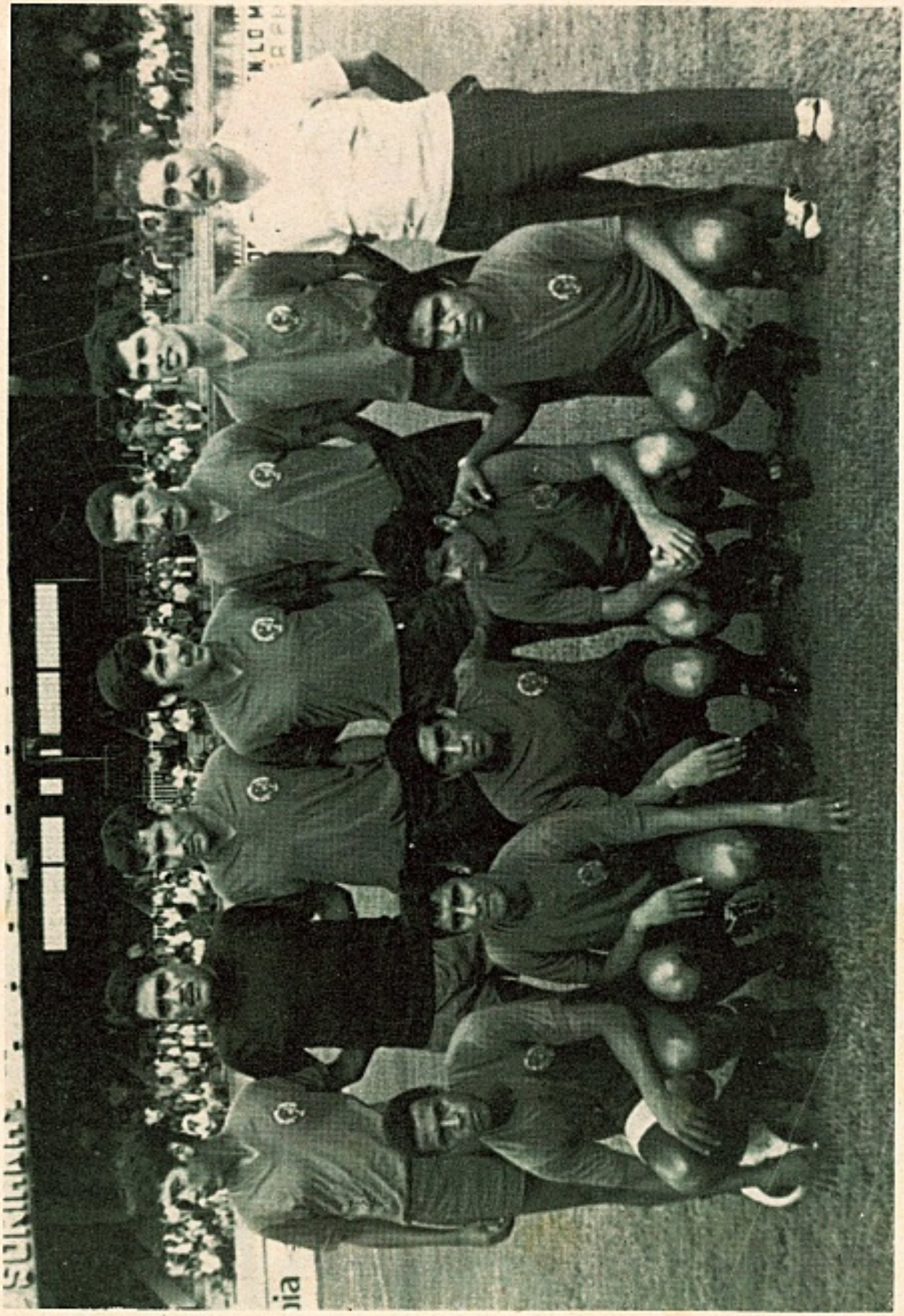

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Manchester United's Nobby Stiles, in the unfamiliar blue shirt, tackles the airborne George Armstrong of Arsenal at Highbury.

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LITTLE INTEREST IN WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

THE 1970 World Club Championship aroused little interest in Great Britain. Neither match was shown on television and the national newspapers in general devoted little space to the event.

WORLD SOCCER covered both games and the reports of Eric Weil (in Buenos Aires) and Hans Molenaar (Rotterdam) appear in this issue.

They make interesting reading. Eric Weil comments on the surprising standard of sportsmanship displayed by Estudiantes in the first leg and comments that as a result they were considerably less effective than usual.

But in Rotterdam it was a different story. The Argentinian players were as ruthless as they have been in previous matches against Manchester United (in 1968) and AC Milan (1969). The Estudiantes leopards, it would seem, cannot change their spots.

However, the violence displayed was of a lesser degree than in the previous years although the scorer of Feyenoord's winning goal Van Deale had his spectacles broken by an Estudiantes player.

The Argentinians protested over the validity of the goal because the scorer wore spectacles and although the sight (no pun intended) of professional footballers playing in spectacles is a rare one they are not illegal.

On a happier note WORLD SOCCER celebrates its tenth birthday with this issue. The magazine first appeared in October 1960 and the then Editor wrote:

"For some considerable time, alongside with several of my editorial colleagues, I have nursed an ambition to produce an international magazine. In the end it became quite apparent that something would have to be done about this obsession which burned inside us. Thus WORLD SOCCER was born."

I sincerely hope you have enjoyed WORLD SOCCER during those ten years since 1960 and that you will stay with us through the seventies . . . an era which promises to be as absorbing and stimulating as the decade just past.

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Sport in the United States is rooted to the colleges

BRIAN GLANVILLE

concludes his two-part feature on condition of association football in the United States of America

MY mind goes back to a hot and humid evening in the Yankee Stadium in the summer of 1967. Cagliari, at present the Italian Champions, were playing Cerro of Montevideo in the ill-starred "invitational" tournament run by the short-lived United Soccer Association. Cagliari were representing the Chicago franchise, Cerro were playing for New York, and the Madison Square Garden organisation.

A Cerro player badly fouled a Cagliari man, and the game was stopped while he was given treatment. Gradually, as the little New York referee, Leo Goldstein, hovered above the injured man, the scene began to turn very nasty. An Italian fan hopped over the railings, undeterred by that fine, placid body of men, the stadium police, took a kick at a linesman, and strolled off again.

Phil Woosnam in America.

Within a matter of a few minutes, a whole vengeful posse of Italians was on the field, pursuing poor little Goldstein like a pack of hounds. Goldstein, who mercifully survived a Nazi concentration camp, is fortunately an expert in survival, and he led them a merry chase. Alas, just as he reached the edge of the infield, he tripped and fell, succeeding in getting a good kick in at his foremost pursuer, as he did so.

The mob closed in on him, hacking and kicking, and things looked very bad indeed when the stadium police, coming to life at last, bestirred itself to extricate it. Afterwards, he sat smiling resiliently in his dressing room, with nothing but a few bruises on the leg to show for it all; but other referees have not been so fortunate.

Incident

The Italian fans had rather more than they bargained for when, about a year later, they were sufficiently ill advised as to invade the field during a game between Pelé's team, Santos of Brazil, and Internazionale of Milan. The Brazilians, many of them black and very large, were ready for them, and bravely defied them. One huge Santos man, indeed, seized a chair from a little fat Italian who was threatening him, and comprehensively put him to flight. I know of another incident, during a minor, semi-professional League game in New York, when a Greek player, upbraided by the referee, went off the field, took a knife from a friendly spectator, went back and attacked the referee with it.

These are the sort of things which have given soccer in the United States a thoroughly bad name, and a clean sweep will have to be made if the game is ever to become something more than a tolerated, unAmerican activity. As Phil Woosnam, the former Welsh international soccer player who now administers the NASL, says, sport in the United States is rooted in the colleges. College players and coaches are hardly likely to be impressed by the image of a game in which, for example, all announcements at one professional club are made in . . . Ukrainian! Yet things, as Clive Toye insists, are changing in the realm of youth soccer: "Once, it was hard to hear a pure American accent. Now, it's hard to hear anything else."

But how long is it all going to take? After all, so many previous attempts have been made to get the professional game on its feet in the States; and so many have failed. The latest effort, which resulted in the simultaneous birth of two rival Leagues in 1967, has sputtered out into the NASL, a part-time professional affair in which players are paid no more than nominal sums. And as the USSFA delegate with responsibility for college soccer, the physical educationalist John McKeon, points out, there's still a dangerous lack of incentive. "I think our biggest, biggest fault," he says, "is our kids go up to a certain point in ability and then they're dead, because they've no chance to get the sort of competition that they need. We need international competition. I am completely convinced in my own mind that this is where we are falling down."

Attempts

But how does one get it? How is the enormous gap between American interest in the best of everything, and the boom at high school and college level, ever to be bridged? That people *would* come to see the best is quite beyond all doubt. Let me bombard you with some more . . . statistics. When Madison Square Garden were

Washington Darts back row left to right: Gabrielli (trainer), Donlevey, Grell, Gamalde, DeLeon, Phillips, Navarez, Muir, Figero, Evans. Front: Alexis, Paton, Fraser, Crispin, Casa, Browne, Gyau, Archibald.

approached with the idea that they might show certain 1970 World Cup matches on closed circuit television, they were at first unconvinced. But when they mentioned the idea to one of the largest and liveliest of their publicity men, Bill Shannon, who had been closely connected with the Cerro experiment in 1967, he insisted that they must succeed. And so they did.

When they showed the Brazil versus England game, from Guadalajara, they found themselves looking desperately round for places to house the overflow of fans. In the end, I understand that three auditoria were used, including a hotel ballroom.

The semi-finals were shown, with still greater success, as a double header. And when it came to the Final, a highest charge of $12.50 did not deter the spectators. Once again, the game was shown in three different centres. They paid a total of $278,845 just for that game. The overall total for the three closed circuit viewings was the formidable one of $683,458. Yet when the New York Generals and the Cerro team played in New York during 1967, they were lucky to get 3,000 spectators to a pitifully deserted Yankee Stadium.

This was a strange experiment, and perhaps I may be allowed to underline its strangeness, not least in New York, with two odd but true stories.

Playing for the New York Generals was a strange amalgam of English and South American players. There were several Argentinians, including one called Plas and another called Mas, and there was a little Yorkshire forward called Micky Ash, from Sheffield. One day he told me, very seriously, "I wasn't getting any passes from the Argentinians, and then I realised why. I was calling Mas, Plas and Plas, Mas."

Then there was the team's goalkeeper, a former major league player, another Yorkshireman, called Geoff Sidebottom. Some of the Latin Americans, he complained, had scant dedication. "There was this player, I'm not going to say who he was. He turned up for training, he lay down in the goal, and he went to sleep. The trainer came and woke him and he said, 'I'm tired. . . .'."

Income

The NASL today is down to a mere five clubs, though of these, the newly co-opted Washington Darts are doing well under their Scottish coach, Norman Sutherland, and have, I believe, doubled their income. But all this is a very long way from the real thing. Perhaps the most important thing the whole, rather half-baked, new professionalism has brought to the United States is some new expertise. Men like Phil Woosnam, Clive Toye and Ron Newman may not have set the country afire with the clubs they are running; but the spin-off in terms of new enthusiasm among the young has been notable.

It seems to me that in due course, this "youth culture" will generate its own professionalism, just because everybody will want it. Vogelsinger, who thinks it will take ten to fifteen years before the game is truly on its feet, feels a great mistake has been made by not forcing these professional teams to include more American natives: "And I don't buy the argument that the level won't be as good."

Meanwhile, when Clive Toye looks out of his window in suburban Atlanta, he sees black and white panelled footballs lying around where once, on the greensward, there were only baseballs and American footballs. After Kyle Rote junior, besides, anything is possible. . .

English matches on TV

ENGLISH football is as popular as ever in Scandinavia. Via the TV screens the Scandinavian football fans have been entertained and delighted by the standard of football in the Football League which is regarded as the best in the world. English soccer on TV is about the best entertainment you can offer Scandinavian audiences, and the matches are watched by thousands.

Peter Osgood, Jeff Astle, Mick Jones and Peter Thompson became household names in Norway, Sweden and Denmark last season and the TV viewers are looking forward to another season with English football matches. From November 14, 14 League and Cup matches will be televised live to Scandinavia on Saturday afternoons. Last season 11 matches were televised, plus the Cup Final, which has been televised live for many years to many countries.

Last season the matches were televised through ATV, so only the Midland games were shown. This season matches from all English TV companies will be televised.

The reason for televising the matches live is that the English matches are on the Scandinavian pools coupons during the winter. Football is not played during the winter months in Scandinavia.

ARNE JENSEN

McILROY BACK IN HARNESS

Jimmy McIlroy, former Irish international inside-forward, now back in professional football.

THE Macs are back in British soccer again, and everybody must be highly delighted.

I'll gamble that no one ever thought they would see the day when those particular Irishmen would be completely absent from the game, but it happened, you know. Yes, sir. The McIlroy family vanished from the big scene, and the game was the poorer for their absence.

Now, it's good to report, the position has been reconciled. Jimmy of the line has returned, and, what's equally important, a McIlroy youngster by the friendly name of Sammy is also on the way up. That's the pleasing news today as we face up to a long winter.

by ERIC THORNTON

Let me tell you first about Jimmy Mac, the one-time old sorcerer of Burnley, the ambitious manager of Oldham Athletic, and the energetic chief coach of Stoke City. Definitely one of the greatest of the post-war illustrious.

There was a time when any of the betting boys would have given long odds against the wise-cracking, side-stepping boyo from County Antrim ever leaving his beloved Turf Moor. They knew he'd always be on the wage list in some capacity or another. Or thought they did. Like the fans did, too.

But sudden upheaval changed everything. The goodbyes were said, and that old cotton town was turned upside down. Those 53 caps at home on the windswept heights alongside the Pennine Range seemed to gather dust. The long years of sweating it out in claret and blue lost importance.

Potential

It's always darkest before the dawn, however, and the silver lining spread when millionaire Ken Bates motored "over the top" and handed over the managership of Third Division Oldham Athletic, a club with good crowd potential but without the players to win it.

Bates, who later flew to new business interests in the Virgin Isles and quit the Boundary Park chairmanship, also gave Mac an open cheque book. The Irishman spent liberally in rebuilding the team, and then discovered what others have learned down the years—that money doesn't always guarantee success especially out on the park.

Doubts were rising once more, and, tempted back into the top circle, he coached new ideas into Stoke City. Yet, somehow, that venture cooled, and, deciding that enough was enough, Jimmy went home.

There were no complimentary farewell speeches. No crowds. No roll of drums. The footballer with the yen for progress, whose dancing feet had entertained the stands and terraces in most parts of the world while tantalising defences walked out of the game. Just like that.

He was frustrated. Disillusioned. After a lifetime on the inside he had fallen out of love with everything. It's a fact, believe it or not, he didn't even bother watching Saturday afternoon matches.

Credit

What did he do with his spare time while everywhere they were either playing or cheering different games? You'll hardly credit it, but he used to drive up to neighbouring courses, and play golf all day.

Some friends suggested he should get a job in civvy street. That was easier said than done because, after all, he had no special qualifications outside football.

Others tried brightening the outlook by opining that it must be great not having to work for a living? They didn't know of the terrible days of depression.

Would it ever end? Jimmy wondered on that score until one sunny day our mutual friend Nat Lofthouse hove in sight. The old Lion of Vienna proved to be just what the doctor ordered. For after knocking at the door of the McIlroy family home he invited Jimmy to be assistant-manager at Bolton Wanderers.

Of course, he jumped at the chance. Now he is beginning to live a full life once again. Jimmy McIlroy is back in harness, and feeling great . . .

. . . Which is exacly how Sammy McIlroy feels, too, as he learns the soccer A-B-C with The Stiffs, and quietly prepares for the day when he will burst into the big scene.

Just a youngster from the same Belfast home town as George Best. A 17-year-old taking the identical route from Northern Ireland to Old Trafford, he's an inside-forward promising the same flair as the seasoned Irish star.

Everybody who matters with Manchester United tells me that Sammy could go right to the top. And, as if to underline this prophetic glance at the future, Best himself says: "I believe Sammy could become one of the greatest."

Training

At the moment, Sammy, the boy with the latent ability, is one of the keenest of pupils though just an unknown walking in and out of the club's training headquarters in Salford, each weekday, and calling at Manchester United's head offices on Saturdays.

None of the fans who are always armed with autograph books at both places bother him. For at present, at any rate, they merely recognise that he is one of the young hopefuls.

Which, when you come to think of it, is exactly what Georgie was just a few years ago.

Anyway, there we have the McIlroys. At opposite ends of the soccer stage. But it's nice to have these Macs with us. . . .

Speaking Personally

LESLIE VERNON

Eligibility laws should be revised

FOLLOWING "Mexico 70", which I am sure will mark an indelible landmark on football's history, the managers of the unsuccessful countries trotted out their excuses and feeble apologies. Our own Sir Alf, of course, true to character, did not join in the unseemly clatter of breast-beating, although I am sure that the owner of the stiffest upper-lip in England is doing some hard thinking in the privacy of his East Anglian residence.

Most of this managerial humble-pie eating in public was predictable and unedifying, but I found the words of the Belgian boss, Raymond Goethals, rather interesting and significant.

"If the influx of foreign players continues unchecked, we won't be able to field a representative national side by '74. As it is, most of our leading clubs rely on foreign talent and our poor showing in Mexico was a warning for the future."

I have a lot of sympathy with Goethals. There are about 60 foreigners playing in Belgium, the top clubs like Anderlecht, Standard Liege and Bruges are more cosmopolitan than a "Rest of the World" eleven, and even Second Division Malines have Kvasnak and Iverson on their books. Last year's League top-scorer was a German ex-international, Lothar Emmerich, followed by five players (Resenbrink, Mulder, etc.), only one of them Belgian, Lambert of Bruges.

Profession

In this age of "Common Market" spirit, it is only natural that Continental players are constantly on the move with little regard for national borderlines. The best example of this flexibility is the Dutch Mulder, who actually lives in Holland and travels to Brussels every day to train with Anderlecht.

In every way, socially and politically, this is a healthy situation. All men should be free to seek employment in their chosen profession wherever they like.

Unfortunately, these fine liberal principles do not necessarily apply to football. Due to the present FIFA laws, players are only eligible for national selection for their country of birth. If this fact is accepted as unalterable, then it becomes truly dangerous to allow a vast number of outsiders in.

Young local-born players cannot develop without being given the opportunity to appear in senior company. Italy and Spain saw the danger-signs years ago and introduced the restrictive "two-foreigners-per-club" ruling. For the former it paid off handsomely — one wonders whether the emergence of players like Prati, Boninsegna, Anastasi, would have been possible if the importing of stars would have continued.

We in England face the same problem, although the situation is taken for granted to such an extent, that few people realise its existence. The English League accommodates more foreign players than any other in the world.

I am referring to the vast number of Scottish, Welsh and Irish footballers whose presence enriches the scene and improves standards. On the other hand, Ramsey could not find one genuine winger for his Mexico squad, even though Best, Morgan, Cooke, Gray, etc., are playing in England. To the rest of the world, all British footballers and their clubs are "English". They do not appreciate the distinction between the home countries, and consider it slightly unfair and rather quaint that people travelling with the same passport and having the same government can enter four teams in the European Championship and several in the various international club competitions.

Objection

This is only a side issue, and as long as the governing bodies (FIFA, UEFA) are dominated by British officials, this status quo will remain untouched. I have no personal objection to it, since it is obvious that, for instance, Celtic deserve to be in the Champions Cup and Scotland is capable of providing a telling contribution to the general tapestry of the International scene.

But now, on the eve of another important tournament (EC), it seems to me that a serious re-think is needed concerning international qualification. There are glaring anomalies at present which should be ironed out.

The London-born John Dempsey, for instance, should not be allowed to play for the Republic of Ireland just because his parents happen to be Irish. A new ruling should be introduced which would give residential qualification a more significant part to play. Any player who spends five years in a country ought to be able to play for their national team. This would be much more realistic than the current law which allows players like Schnellinger, Haller, Kindvall, etc., to earn a fortune abroad and then travel home about twice a year to appear in the national jersey.

Valuable

This division of loyalties often causes friction between the clubs and their players because of the understandable reluctance of the employers to release their valuable employees for a possibly dangerous "foreign mission". My idea, which is not original, but highly topical, would change the face of international football.

Imagine the possibility of an England team including all the outstanding foreigners who have spent the last five years in this country. But this is not a selfish, narrow view. The reform would benefit every powerful nation which has the resources to lure the greatest players away from their place of birth, and could start a trend in the weaker countries, which might eventually lead to a ban of the export of their footballing assets.

It would certainly put an end to the silly tug-of-war between club and country, and would make international teams truly representative of their domestic League and Cup football.

Incidentally, the problem is not confined to Europe. The migration of players from country to country is even more prevalent in South America. In an effort to raise money, the Uruguay FA recently staged a friendly between the national team of Uruguay and the foreigners playing in the country. The result, Foreigners 3, Uruguay 1—ver-ry interesting....

NACHO TRELLES says

Brazil played without true wingers and won praise

NACHO TRELLES SPEAKS: Sr. Trelles, Mexican national team manager coach between 1958 and 1969 and presently FA technical adviser and one of Latin America's great authorities on football, is a man who doesn't speak unnecessarily but who is always interesting when he decides to voice his opinions. Not until two months after the World Cup did Mr. Trelles think the time was ripe to break the silence and let the public know his views. The following excerpts are taken from an interview with Mr. Trelles published in the daily sports paper "ESTO".

"I don't usually read the sport sections, but during the past World Football Championship I bought and read everything that was written about the World Cup. I also saved clippings from as much as possible. Of all that was written (in the Mexican press) 90% was of no value at all and only about 10% can be said to be any good.

Violated

"For example, people in general took pride in that there were no players being ordered off the field, and in the press this was stated as proof that there was good refereeing. The fact is that on various occasions rules were violated in such a way that players should have been sent off.

"Another example. Brazil, the absolute champions, played without true wingers and won praise, the justice of which I will not discuss right now. Mexico also played without wingers but was severely criticised for this.

"In the final between Brazil and Italy more credit was given Gerson for his goal than to Pelé for the truly outstanding goal which he scored.

"In the game between Brazil and England credit was given to Tostao for the decisive goal. In my opinion Tostao's intervention in the play was purely accidental, and moreover included a clear foul. The merit was altogether Pelé's who controlled the ball with perfection and who could therefore make the service to Jairzinho. Throughout the World Cup Tostao really only played a small part for Brazil, but perhaps he was psychologically necessary for his teammates?

Tactical

"The game between Italy and Germany was dubbed 'game of the century'. I don't at all go along with that. Better games technically were Czechoslovakia against Hungary and Germany—Scotland in the preliminaries. I can agree that the extra time period was full of action, because five goals were scored. But one must also consider that in coldly analysing the first 90 minutes very little did happen. And besides, the five goals were products of unforgivable errors. A tactical error on the part of the Germans was to let shoulder-injured Franz Beckenbauer continue in his half-back position instead of on a wing. Both for him to protect his shoulder, and for the Germans to reorganise in midfield.

"Brazil won the Cup and won it without any questions. But they won it more because of the great technical capabilities of its individual stars, than because of the team in itself. Some positions, including very vital ones, were poorly covered by the champions. In my opinion the team that best covered all positions was Germany, even though I naturally don't mean by that they had the tournament's best players. And Italy demonstrated what I and many others had expressed previously, that they possess magnificent individuals but lamentably lack in areas of a system. And Czechoslovakia was really a deception. Nobody could have expected their poor showing after what they produced in prelimination.

"That Mexico should reach the quarter-finals was a completely reasonable assumption to make, and something which was also accomplished. After making the quarter-finals it is also quite reasonable to assume that Mexico's chances for further advancement would have been greater had they confronted Uruguay instead of Italy. What I don't agree with is that Italy gave us a real going over, and that the Italians had been saving themselves and were only starting to play their true football. Italy's goals against Mexico were not outstanding in any way, but of course they still count. In no way did Italy in this game demonstrate that they were coming little by little to finally dominate the game. The game was rare because it showed neither of the two sides getting close to normal standards of neither good nor bad.

"In summarising I can say that in the Mexico Mundial nothing new was demonstrated, neither technically nor tactically. Even though in the participating teams we saw many extraordinary individual players. Not even by the great stars of the tournament was anything new created, but all was repetitious of earlier play. There was one exception, however. I think it was in the game between Brazil and Rumania, when Pelé after having completely outwitted the Rumanian goalie placed the ball outside of the goal!"

Money bubble bursts in 'El Dorado'

PHILIP EVANS reports

FOR years the Italian football scene has been the El Dorado of the game. Italian players—more especially those of comparatively modest achievement—have habitually earned more from the game than their counterparts elsewhere. Take into account the perks—the dark rumours about free cars and flats, the taxes paid by the clubs—and little wonder that the place has attracted such attention.

Now the bubble has burst. The collective debt of all the Italian first and second division clubs is declared at nearly nine millions in sterling. Add those debts that have *not* been declared, and the thing becomes ridiculous.

First some facts. On average, the top hundred players in the Italian first division demanded from the various clubs for the forthcoming season payments 25% higher than those they received last year. Second, all but one of the first division clubs—Torino—has to some extent raised the prices of season tickets, and can be expected to increase prices for individual matches. Third, the supporters' paraphernalia outside grounds has been subjected to inflatory pricing, hitting the ostentatious fan harder at a hard time.

Recession

The State has even intervened, with Treasury officials warning clubs that their action in rhising admission prices comes badly at a time of recession throughout Italian industry, and threatening to tax the clubs out of existence if they don't keep some sense of reason in their financial affairs.

That one got the reply it deserved from the president of Sampdoria, Mario Colantuoni, who pointed out that for years successive Italian governments had run up huge debts, and that he for one wasn't going to be told how to run his club by a clutch of incompetent civil servants and ministerial figureheads. As though Italian football didn't give enough to the State as it was, with excessive taxation, and the fact of the State's contribution from the Totocalcio, the weekly football pool that last year shovelled over £50 millions into the State Treasury.

But the clubs are caught comprehensively in a network of wage demands, not merely from self-esteeming players, but also from the rise in running costs. Inter last season, for example, spent £50,000 just on insurance of the players; and the job of running junior teams, keeping the equipment serviced, paying travel and hotel bills and so forth is mounting all the time.

But time and again you come back to players' wages, and to the seemingly innocuous "fidelity bonus". The thing began in 1949. It was then that a regular Inter player, Aldo Campatelli, having noted that those players who were transferred to other clubs received a cut of the transfer fee, demanded—and was awarded—a bonus for staying with the club and carrying on the good work. A reward for services rendered and to be rendered, feudalism incarnate, a "fidelity bonus".

Since that date, the "fidelity bonus" has been an ever-present in the annual irritants that divide club managements from their players. If the strike of the Inter players at the beginning of this season—they started training a week late as the result of the unwillingness of the first team pool to sign the contracts offered by the club—is the most extreme example of the disease that afflicts all clubs at the end of the close season, then it was the most spectacular of a host of such actions, by no means the exception to the rule.

Marching

Wealthy clubs such as Roma and Napoli manage reasonably well, simply because they have not at the moment a bevy of internationals on their books. And it just needs even the most average of success in international competition to set international players marching straight for larger payments for services rendered to the general good of Italian football.

Some clubs have players on long-term fixed contracts, with sensible negotiation as a permanent background. Rosato and Rivera at Milan, for example, are tied to the club for a lengthy period. But in the main, the contracts are short-term affairs, guaranteed to exacerbate the general aura of instability.

Being a football enthusiast in this atmosphere is an expensive business, and increasingly fans are starting to save money during the close season for the battles and entertainments ahead. There is little point in extending sympathy to them personally. The vast majority would be content to pay twice the normal charge to see a game of football. But there must be a limit even to their docility.

Non-existent

Yet the remedy to the situation is there, if only the League would cease to be hidebound by non-existent fears. Time and again the players have indicated that they would be willing to take cuts in salary—some even large cuts—in exchange for the right to benefit personally from the ballyhoo that surrounds the Italian game. Pelé, Best, Moore, Beckenbauer, along with countless other stars in other countries have grown rich from the benefits of sponsorship. Why not they? And they point out that the advertising industry in Italy is far from stagnant. It is growing all the time, and they want to be a part of the scene.

The League's answer to such questions is simple and constipated. Such antics as sponsorship are not worthy of the professional game, they lower the tone of the footballing world, they remove dignity and that most essential of prerequisites, "seriousness". And worse still, a move towards free sponsorship would breed hero-worship.

As though there isn't enough of *that* in Italian football. The truth is that money is desperately needed, from whatever the source; and to many Italian enthusiasts talk of dignity at a time of footballing inflation seems both short-sighted and more than mildly prudish.

Until the game is given a monetary shot in the arm from outside sources that will enable it to balance its books, we shall continue to hear rumours of under-the counter payments, of tax fiddles, of financial ineptitude leading to moral degradation, of bribes and scandals. Which is not what the game should be about.

NEWCASTLE UNITED and SUNDERLAND TO MOVE ?

by GEORGE BAXTER

HUNGARIAN, Dutch and Portuguese sides who have known the almost ear-splitting noise of a Newcastle United crowd at full blast will be amazed to learn that the club could well leave their famous St. James' Park home.

In fact, the possibility of Newcastle United not even being in Newcastle has developed into a probability—all because of a long-standing wrangle between the club and their city council landlords.

Despite Newcastle's great history—four English League championships, six FA Cup wins (and another four final appearances) and a European Fairs Cup triumph—the club have never owned their ground.

St. James' Park belongs to the Freemen of Newcastle and is merely leased to United at virtually a nominal rent.

The current lease runs out in November this year. And despite years of negotiation the city council have shown no sign of granting the club the long lease they seek.

Until they get such a lease—they would like one for 99 years—the club insist that they will not spend a lot of money on improving the ground which, basically, is the same as that built early this century.

And, anyway, the council planning department have ruled that the club's plans for the ground — a phased scheme costing £1,000,000 — are unsuitable.

The council believe that the club should support their own suggestion that the ground be converted into a multi-sport complex.

But as this proposal had an estimated cost of £2,600,000 even three years ago the club say that sharing in such outlay would make them bankrupt.

There the impasse has settled. And meanwhile United have gained permission to develop a new ground, a few miles from their present home and near the Gosforth Park racecourse, home of Newcastle Races.

And unless there is a sudden wind of change both in the offices of United and Newcastle's Civic Centre, the club could well be starting in new surroundings in three years' time.

Extension

The club have a breathing space because it was decided at a meeting presided over by the former Minister of Sport, Mr. Dennis Howell, that in the event of a deadlock at the end of the current five-year lease the club would be given an extension of three years.

United are now at the stage of interpreting the council planners' "No" to their ground improvement suggestions as a notice to quit. And in a strong statement from club chairman and Football League management committee member Lord Westwood he said that if United left St. James' the responsibility would rest squarely with the council.

The impression created is that the club would now almost welcome the order of the boot from the council. For then, at a new home, United would at last be truly independent.

Another consideration in the argument arose through a suggestion from Roker Park, Sunderland, that Newcastle should agree to share a proposed new home for Sunderland football club.

Unofficially, Newcastle directors say there is no chance of this happening. Local rivalries in the North-East are too deep-rooted for that. In fact, Lord Westwood jokes: "That would be like Rangers and Celtic sharing house."

But anyone who has known the tremendous atmosphere of St. James' Park would be just as upset if United's residence ended, regardless of where they moved to.

The Newcastle United story should be a continuing one at St. James'.

Colin Veitch, Hughie Gallacher, Jackie Milburn, Bobby Mitchell—memories of them "make" St. James' Park. It would be a tragedy if Bryan "Pop" Robson and Bobby Moncur were deprived of the right to continue in their footsteps.

Scene of constant change

from MARCEL GEYSEN

SINCE La Gantoise became the first Belgian club to import a Congolese player in the early 'fifties the football scene in Belgium has been one of constant change.

Until then Belgian players were strictly amateurs but in the early 'sixties under the instigation of its two leading clubs, RSC Anderlecht and to a lesser extent Standard Liege, professionalism blossomed and the FA relented enough to agree to allow one foreigner to be signed by each club if required.

However, this move wasn't as successful as they hoped and in order that Belgian clubs could challenge the very might of European clubs in the Champions Cup, this was increased to two foreigners per club and then to three. Only recently a further application to increase the quota to four was narrowly defeated.

Nowadays the vogue is to sign players from the German Bundesliga. The clubs have been influenced into this way of thinking through the success of Lothar Emmerich who joined SC Beerschot last season from Borussia Dortmund and scored 29 goals in 30 matches. In fact he finished top scorer in the country.

For this season 54 foreigners have been signed on but not all will meet with similar success and quite a lot of them will go the same way as the 25 who were transferred before last season began.

The most sensational signing came from Belgium's oldest club who have introduced the first Greek into the nation. He's one of Europe's most consistent and top marksmen, Jorgo Sideris from the Olympiakos Piraus club in Athens.

Other important captures were: the Swede, Inge Ejderstedt, who played in Mexico, Eliseu (Brazil), and Quiros from Costa Rica who will all play for Anderlecht; Yugoslavian international Rudi Belin and Belgium's Roger Claessen, formerly with Standard Liege and Alemannia Aachen for Beerschot; Riberio (Portugal) for Beveren-Waas; Geisert (Germany) and Boehmer (Austria) for Sporting Charleroi; Muller and Schumacher (both Germany) for FC Diest; Ressel and Liebhaber (Germany) and Krivitz (Hungary) for Lierske, Lazarevic and Slislovic of Yugoslavia for FC Liege; Bergholtz (Holland and Anderlecht), Bjerre (Denmark), and Utu (Rumania) for Racing White; Petrovic (Yugoslavia) for Standard Liege; Wissmann, Fuhrmann and Hentschel (Germany) for St. Trond; Andersen and Larsson (Denmark), for Union St. Gilloise; Reyers (Holland) and Giba (Brazil) for Waregem.

In the Second Division there are more Germans, two Moroccans, the Rumanian Ionescu, the Czech Horvath, and more Dutch, Norwegian and Danish players.

'I knew nothing about the signing of Del Sol—it was a surprise'

Helenio Herrera talks to Norman Cutler

ITALY is called, wtih some justification, the "Klondike of Soccer", but because of the increasing nullification of players' rights, it is quickly becoming known as soccer's "Slave Market".

The transfer of Luis del Sol from Juventus to AS Roma is yet another ruthless and unexpected barter move for which Italy is now becoming infamous. This move meant that in one month all three of Italy's long serving Spanish importations became shuttlecocks and the centre of controversy.

First Inter-Milan moved Luis Suarez to Sampdoria (whom he asked £35,000 for one season) ... then Rome dispensed with the services of Joaquin Piero (he's demanding his liberty in lieu of compensation) ... finally Luis del Sol, without being advised, was moved to AS Roma, who are now paying him something in the region of £25,000.

When Helenio Herrera, Roma's famous manager, returned from Sweden and Norway where he had been holidaying with his family, I contacted him by telephone about the "Del Sol Affaire".

Disastrous

"I knew nothing about the signing of Luis; it was a complete surprise and happened while I was away," he said. "It's the kind of thing Italian directors are apt to do nowadays ... telling the manager more or less as an afterthought. Often this kind of signing proves disastrous. The player doesn't fit in nor is he able to change his style, as a result he is useless to the manager. In this case it happens to be a sound and intelligent move, which, in fact, fits in with my rebuilding, and solves several problems.

"Luis del Sol is a dedicated footballer ... remarkably composed ... an ideal type to captain a young and progressive side. By slightly adjusting his characteristics, Luis will become a key figure in our midfield and attacking strategy.

"When playing for Real Madrid Del Sol did much of the fetching and carrying for Di Stefano ... in Rome I have the very youngster who will do the same for Del Sol, with, I believe, devastating results.

"And just as important Luis will prove a calming influence on Amarildo, the most criticised player over here because of his so-called lack of discipline and temperament. With me he will lose all this and become more refined and contented. I foresee Amarildo and Del Sol forming a sensational partnership.

We talked of Helenio Herrera's strange "rivalry" with Luis del Sol.

"Before he left Spain Luis played for Betis ... I was manager of local rivals Seville. He went to Real Madrid ... I across town to Atletico Madrid. Then Luis moved to Juventus ... I to nearby Inter-Milan. We were together, profitably, when he was chosen to captain Spain and I appointed manager. Now we have met up again."

Buzzing

H.H. told me that when he returned to Rome from holiday he found the city buzzing with reports that both Inter-Milan and Juventus were trying to persuade Cagliari to part with Luigi Riva for a thousand million lira (£600,000).

"How much ... ?" I gasped.

H.H. laughed and said: "You heard me right, but it doesn't matter, it's just a midsummer night's dream ... at that price, anyway."

D. Pablo Marras and D. Andrea Arrica, president and vice-president of Cagliari have, over the last five years, transformed a small provincial society into a great international club. But in spite of remarkable playing success, and the fact that there are two oil barons on the board, Cagliari, like most Italian clubs, are in economic difficulties. They are praying for a long run in the European Cup.

"One suggestion, that is no secret in Italy, is that they have approached Prince Karin Aga Khan and invited him to become honorary president ... and I presume a big shareholder."

(Prince Karin, who created and owns Sardinia's famous millionaires' playground, Costa Edmeralda, has never shown interest in football or his local club.)

I also asked H.H. about the increasing value now being placed on the club manager in Italy. He agreed that the situation had changed during the last few years, but thought the importance and authority given to a manager differed from club to club.

Expensive

In 1955 the most expensive player was the Brazilian, Julinho (£12,000) with Bernardini the highest paid manager, receiving £9,000. By 1960, when H.H. joined Inter-Milan, the whole picture had changed. Sivori (Argentine) was drawing £21,000 and Herrera himself around £35,000. Five years later (1965) these figures had almost doubled.... Inter paid Luis Suarez £35,000 and Herrera was still top paid manager with £66,000. This year H.H. asked for £150,000 but accepted £100,000 when told of Roma's financial position ... and Luigi Riva receives an estimated £60,000.

H.H., as always, wanted to talk on, but I reminded him that long distance telephone calls cost a fortune ... and WORLD SOCCER wasn't paying me £100,000 a year ... yet. He chuckled and said: "Never mind ... back Roma for the League Championship ... and you'll have money in your pocket." I'll do that.

HAGAN FACES TOUGH TASK!

WHEN Jimmy Hagan, the former Sheffield United footballer and West Bromwich Albion manager, landed one of the most prized of overseas posts as manager of the Portuguese club Benfica in March, he was taking over a club with a host of successes behind it but an uncertain future ahead.

The second most successful club in the European Cup, next to Real Madrid, Benfica's roll of honour is impressive in any language. In ten European Cup campaigns they were the big threat to Real's supremacy. In 1961 they became the first club to wrest the title from Real, the following year they capped this performance by beating the Spaniards in the final. They went for a hat-trick in 1963 but failed as they did subsequently in 1965 and 1968.

At home it was a never ending succession of successes. Seventeen League titles since 1936 and 16 Cup wins since 1929, their trophy room was the envy of almost any club in Europe—save the mighty Real.

During their years of triumph in Europe, Benfica were able to replace the odd player or two as *anno domini* caught up with him. Centre-forward Jose Aguas was a case in point. He was eventually replaced by Jose Torres. But the nucleus of the side remained. Inevitably they grew old together and when the crunch came in the late 1960s, Benfica found themselves unable to find suitable replacements for all of them.

Honours

The great joke was that Benfica had more managerial comings and goings than team changes. Bela Guttmann, Fernando Riera, Elek Schwartz and Otto Gloria were some of the names associated with the club. Often they would have more than one stint at the helm, but they rarely stayed any length of time. Few of them could really claim to be unsuccessful but while the honours still flowed, they all failed to look to the future, though perhaps rightly so, they could claim they never sat down long enough for a smoke.

But the day for cashing in the chips came in 1969. All Benfica's troubles piled up like a concertina crash on the M1. First the star of the show, Eusebio, refused terms. Having spent some years living on his scoring ability Benfica surprisingly decided it was time for a showdown. Eusebio, with his 28th birthday looming, wanted more money in place of the security which was not to be his as a player nearing 30. A contract had to be renewed. Eusebio wanted £73,500 for three years, ten per cent of all contracts for friendlies, a monthly salary of £130, plus bonuses and all tax claims to be met by the club. Benfica's valuation of his services was somewhat lower.

No settlement was reached and Benfica kicked off the League programme without him. But beaten 2-0 by Leixoes in the opening match proved a great point to the complacent Benfica board. Agreement was reached but surprisingly not as much in Eusebio's favour as the situation seemed to lend itself.

The Black Panther received £57,850 and the same basic wage of £130 a month as the other players. After his first League game in which he did not score—a 5-0 win over Guimaraes — Eusebio celebrated by scoring both goals for the club in their European Cup game with BK Copenhagen.

Even at such an early stage in the season, Benfica looked like finishing a poor second to their great local rivals, Sporting Lisbon. Most of the older hands at Benfica were wearing that tired look; even Eusebio, now on paper the richest man in Portugal, was not quite the deadly sharp-shooter of earlier days.

There were consolations, however. One of them was Diamantino, a young winger who had been on loan to Varzim the previous season but who was now recalled. He had scored against Guimarnes when he was deputising for the injured Antonio Simoes and hit two of the club's three goals in the European Cup return leg 3-2 win.

Benfica captain Simoes with the Portuguese Cup won by Benfica last season.

Club Focus . . . BENFICA . . . by JACK ROLLIN

Benfica back row left to right: Matine, Toni, Malta da Silva, Humberto Coelho, Zeco, Jose Henrique. Front: Jaime Graca, Simoes, Artur Jorge, Torres and Diamantino.

Then Eusebio went mad. In an 8-0 win over Boavista he scored six, while the old firm of Mario Coluna and Torres completed the scoring.

But there was a shock set-back to their European hopes. They crashed 3-0 to Celtic. It seemed an uphill task beyond their capabilities. The side was no longer a young one and a year before they had experienced a chastening defeat by Ajax Amsterdam in the same tournament, literally run off their feet. But in a frenzy of excitement they pulled themselves together for another great effort at home and at the end were dramatically locked 3-3 on aggregate. Luck went against them—they lost the toss of the coin.

Injured

Further problems followed. Eusebio and Humberto Coelho, their promising 19-year-old half-back, were injured, Simoes suspended and Torres lost form. Artur Jorge, who had been signed from Academica as Eusebio's deputy/successor, did well enough, but Sporting's lead spread to five points.

Then came the day that darkness fell over the Stadium of Light: January 25. Benfica played Belenenses. Centre-forward Torres was sent off and was shortly joined by full-back Malta da Silva. The crowd, who were not too happy about Torres' dismissal, erupted when da Silva was given his marching orders. Some 5,000 of them invaded the pitch and the referee was injured in trying to get away. Three policemen were hurt trying to restore order; a spectator and one Belenenses player were also injured. The game was abandoned a couple of minutes from half-time.

Three days later the Portuguese Football Federation banned Benfica from using their ground, Torres and da Silva were suspended for six and five weeks respectively and the club was fined. Toni, Benfica's half-back, was later praised for protecting the referee.

Benfica were eventually banned for eight matches from using their ground. The club appealed unsuccessfully against the sentence. In the meantime they used the National Stadium, but slid to third place in the table.

Otto Gloria, the man who had taken Benfica to their last European Cup Final and earlier led Portugal to third place in the 1966 World Cup, had done his best to introduce younger blood. Many of these youngsters had been a success, but after the shambles of the Belenenses affair, Gloria resigned.

Benfica tried to get Sir Alf Ramsey but he refused to leave home. Hagan accepted. That was in March, but Hagan's duties were not to start until the summer. In the interim period, Benfica appointed Jose Augusto, the club's 33-year-old right-winger, as acting manager.

The effect was almost magical. Augusto knew the players personally—he was one of them. They rallied round him and so did the public trying to forget the nightmare of that day in January, unprecedented in Portuguese football history. Results improved, second place was secured albeit on goal average.

'The great joke was that they had more managerial changes than team changes'

Eusebio, nagged by injuries and indifferent form on occasions, managed to top the Portugal League scoring charts with 20 goals but in April had to have an operation on his left knee.

Still, Benfica reached the final of the Portuguese Cup and clashed with Sporting Lisbon. Apart from Eusebio they had a pretty useful side out. Diamantino was included at outside-left and made the first goal scored by Artur Jorge. Torres added a second, Simoes a third in a 3-1 win. Benfica were in the Cup Winners Cup for the first time.

But Benfica had to prepare for the coming season. As part of their programme they decided to embark on a mini-world-wide tour embracing Angola, Mozambique, the Congo, Gabon, Kuwait, Hong Kong, Korea, Japan and North America. It was planned to come back to play a jubilee benefit match for Coluna, who had by this time decided to end his playing days in France.

Meantime Augusto was combing the bushes of the Portuguese colonies for another Eusebio, Coluna or Costa Pereira. Eusebio recovered from injury and took his place in the tour party.

It was then that disciplinarian Hagan had his first clash with Eusebio in Africa. The Portuguese star stayed out later than permitted one night and then another and was carpeted by the Englishman.

Perhaps they now understand each other better, perhaps this is the beginning of a breach which will eventually see Eusebio leave the club and maybe even Portugal, too.

There is plenty of talent among Benfica's Eagles. They will have the chance to spread their wings this season under Hagan. Augusto has done so well that he has been promoted to Hagan's assistant.

Look out for players like Toni and Abel a young scorer from Lourenco Marques aged 24, Humberto Coelho known as Humberto II and already capped at 20, and another forward, Praia (22).

The new side will probably be built around midfield star Jaime Graca (28). Artur Jorge will surely come into his own this season and, who knows, another barefoot boy from Mozambique could be discovered. But whatever happens, the era of Torres, Coluna, Augusto is gone forever and Hagan has a formidable task to emulate their achievements.

PORTUGAL EXPECTS

EUSEBIO talks to Ralph Jackson

PORTUGUESE football has taken on a new and exciting lease of life. The successes of Sporting Lisbon, Oporto, Vitoria Setubal and Belenenses during post-season tours launched the new campaign on the crest of a wave of expectation.

The country is getting over the disappointments sustained both at a national and club level in recent years.

All this leads to another reason for the air of confidence that is sweeping Portugal ... Eusebio is 100 per cent fit again and showing the form that made him the idol of Portugal and the hero of the 1966 World Cup.

I talked to Eusebio in Lisbon after Benfica had returned from an unbeaten tour of Angola and the Far East which brought them nearly £100,000 clear profit, the form of the great player was a revelation, even for him. Great crowds flocked to see him ... and departed having been thrilled by the whole range of his incredible genius.

On their tour Benfica beat, among others, Japan's Selection three times (3-0, 4-1 and 6-1), Macao 4-0, Victoria de Setubal 2-1, Luanda 9-1 ... and Eusebio scored 13 goals in the first seven matches (all four in the second match against Japan) and was given five-star rating on each occasion. It is true that the opposition was anything but top class, but Japan are at least among the contenders for staging the 1986 World Cup. More important, it was a great test for Eusebio, who came through with flying colours.

Cleared up

Jimmy Hagan, when he accepted the Benfica management, said: "A player of Eusebio's class just doesn't suddenly lose his talent. Once that injury has cleared up he'll be as good as ever." How right he was ... and how much he has helped.

And what better inspiration can Portugal have than Benfica and Eusebio back among the greats, fighting the new look and brilliant Sporting Lisbon for Portuguese supremacy and European honours?

During my talk with Eusebio (real name Ferreira de Silva) he told me some little-known episodes of his early days.

Born in Lorenzo Marques (Portuguese East Africa) on January 25, 1943, Eusebio was one of a family of eight. His father died when Eusebio was five years of age, a loss that plunged the already poor family into utter poverty. Everyone had to work at menial jobs ... it was a struggle to live ... and sometimes there was barely enough to eat.

"My early football was played in the streets and on waste ground ... when I could find time from the various jobs I did to help my mother and younger brothers. I was better than most of my friends because football seemed to come naturally. My first real club was the unknown, unregistered Os Brazilerios.

"When Sporting Lisbon visited Mozambique, their international captain, Hilario, who was born in the same town as I, watched me play, passed my name to Sport Lorenzo Marques, who became my first registered club."

Eusebio was an instant success and by the time he was 16 his fame had spread to Portugal ... with clubs like Oporto, Belenenses, Sporting Lisbon and Benfica all seeking his services. The situation was difficult. The promises and offers enticing, especially in view of the family's financial situation. But, as always, Eusebio turned to his mother ... who advised him to wait another year.

Twelve months later, he was then 17, Sporting Lisbon again visited Mozambique. They played Lorenzo Marques and were staggered at the brilliance of the local team's young inside-forward. They made him an offer on the spot ... only to find that Benfica, whose representative had been watching all season, had, on the very same day, offered him similar terms.

A great future, that meant so much to him—and his family—faced the 17-year-old. But which offer should he—who knew so little of the merits of the two clubs—accept. Sporting Lisbon or Benfica?

"Again I sought the advice of my mother, who with the wonderful maternal intuition and love she always had, advised me to join Benfica."

Eusebio arrived in Lisbon on December 16, 1960, to find that Sporting Lisbon had protested to the Portuguese Federation, claiming the signing illegal. Their view was that as Sporting Lorenzo Marques was looked upon as their nursery and affiliated club, they held an option on the youngster's services.

The duel between Lisbon's two leading clubs went on and on, while the lonely boy, friendless in a strange country, became more and more despondent. He was alone, his closest adviser, his mother, being many hundreds of miles away in Lorenzo Marques. In any case, he was reluctant to worry her with the problem that had arisen.

Story-book

Eventually after five months of frustration for everyone concerned, the Portuguese Federation ruled in favour of Benfica ... and on May 23, 1961, Eusebio made his first appearance for Benfica Reserves against Atletico de Lisbon. It was a story-book début. ... Benfica won 4-2, their first three goals being scored by the young inside-forward. That night he *did* write to his mother.

He was in the first team ten days later ... and within weeks the attendances at Benfica's Stadium began rising. People said: "Let's go and see the kid from Africa. They say he's the greatest discovery in the history of Portuguese football." *They* were right ... he was.

On June 13, 1961, Benfica played Santos de Brazil and were beaten 6-3. Headlines next morning read: "Pelé (two goals) Marvellous! Eusebio (three goals) Great!" ... "Eusebio Figure of the Match" ... "Pelé Overshadowed by Benfica's Wonder Boy."

The rest is history. The European Cup ... three times selected for the FIFA XI ... 54 international caps ... leading goalscorer in the 1966 World Cup. It's a story of poverty to riches, for today Eusebio is the richest footballer in Portugal.

ATTACK ON AJAX

by Hans Molenaar

PSV EINDHOVEN, the club which for a small part is sponsored by the world industries of Philips, has launched an all-out attack on the top two in Dutch football, the clubs which are both playing for the European Champions Cup this season, Ajax of Amsterdam (Dutch champions 1970) and Feyenoord of Rotterdam (European Cup winners 1970).

It's the first time that Holland has two teams in that international competition, but both teams will also meet stronger opposition on the home front because PSV is determined to get to the top. Ajax and Feyenoord were rather modest on the 1970 transfer market, but PSV dug deep into their own and Philips' financial budget.

The PSV club, managed and coached by the German Kurt Linder (former Frankurt player) bought nine new players and sold six. Of the nine PSV brought, three were regular internationals and a fourth had just broken through to the top.

The most important scoop, however, was Dutch national goalkeeper Jan van Beveren, who cost his new club over one million Dutch guilders, over £125,000, a new Dutch record.

It was not a complete cash deal, however: in return the former goalkeeper of Sparta, Doesburg, ends his short PSV career and returns to Rotterdam and also the Philips Electronics and Lighting (and radio and TV, etc.) company came into this transfer: Philips will build a new lighting system at the Sparta ground in Rotterdam, one of the few Dutch "eredivisie" (highest division) grounds without floodlights.

Another newcomer to PSV Eindhoven is none other than Anderlecht international Johan Devrindt, the one who scored most goals to enable Belgium to qualify for Mexico. Devrindt, a steady worker with a very good shot in either foot, was quite willing to leave Belgium because he had a constant quarrel with Anderlecht *Dutch* centre-forward Jan Mulder!

Also new with PSV are Hennink Munk Jensen of Aalborg, about the 130th player to leave Denmark, and Harry Vos of ADO in The Hague. To enable PSV to contract a new foreigner (only two are allowed plus foreigners who have been living in Holland for more than five years) they had to sell their Danish midfield player, Kresten Bjerre, who promptly went to Belgium (Racing White in Brussels).

Internal

In comparison with the PSV activities Ajax and Feyenoord did "nothing". Ajax had to sort out internal problems around Johan Cruyff and his friend, outside-left Piet Keizet, and the man who brought Ajax to the European Cup final 1969, manager-coach Rinus Michels (who is a former Ajax player).

In fact Ajax was satisfied with the team in 1969/1970, did not buy new established players this summer (only some promising youngsters) but sold quite a few old timers: goalkeeper Gert Bals went down to the second division (he is replaced by a young custodian, Heinz Stuy, who has been with Ajax for several years now but always sat the games out on the sideline) and international midfield player Muller went to Holland Sport in The Hague.

Feyenoord tried to contract the Swedish player, Roger Magnusson, who has been playing in France (Marseille) in the last few years but who was on the players' list of Juventus in Italy. He could not play in Italy, however, because of the ban there and went on loan to France. Now that the ban was extended Juventus decided to sell the Swedish international.

Juventus and Feyenoord came to an agreement, Feyenoord were even willing to pay the French club extra but Magnusson had such very high personal financial wishes that Feyenoord refused.

The European Cup winners were not willing to pay Magnusson more than, for instance, Ove Kindvall, the Swedish international who scored the winning goal in the European Cup final in Milan against Celtic and that was exactly what Magnusson wanted.

Feyenoord, however, stuck to their principle that a player has first to prove himself, not elsewhere, but with Feyenoord. This strict policy resulted in "no deal" and Feyenoord only bought two young players, Maiwald for midfield (who broke a leg in an automobile accident just before the season started!) and the very promising Dick Schneider of Go Ahead Deventer.

Revealed

On the whole the Dutch transfer market was very quiet. Most clubs have more debts than they can afford (an official FA study will reveal dangerous facts in the near future, it is already revealed that only one of the 18 first division clubs is self-supporting, all the others need outside help) and could only do exchange deals on the market.

For instance: Couperus of Haarlem to ADO The Hague, Holmström from ADO to Haarlem; Deykers of NAC Breda to DWS Amsterdam, Bish went the other way; Don and Van der Roer from SVV Rotterdam to Excelsior Rotterdam, Bassant went from Excelsior to SVV; one Englishman arrived in Holland: the new goalkeeper of Go Ahead Deventer is Colin Withers of Lincoln City, brought over to Holland on the advice of Go Ahead's manager-coach, the Englishman Barry Hughes (husband of a charming TV announcer).

It will be very interesting to see what former national coach George Kessler can do in his first Dutch club job. He took over Sparta of Rotterdam after resigning from "national office". New Dutch national team-manager is a former Czechoslovakian, Dr. Fadrhonc, who has been living in Holland for 20 years now.

Regulations for players

EVERY time I hear about the demands of English footballers I laugh and laugh and laugh. Mercy . . . they don't know how the other half lives.

This is a notice that now hangs on the notice board in Malaga's (1st Division) dressing room.

BY ORDER OF THE DIRECTORS

Regulations for Players

(1) No smoking at any time . . . except in exceptional circumstances, when one cigarette is authorised after a banquet or official reception.

(2) Drinking of alcoholics is completely prohibited at all times.

(3) During journeys and in hotels the playing of cards and other games in which money is involved, is banned.

(4) No bathing is allowed, either in swimming pools or on the beaches, at any time.

(5) Players are prohibited to leave the City (Malaga) without permission of the Directors.

(6) On Fridays and Saturdays every player must be in his home by 10.30. The rest of the week the curfew is 11 o'clock. Monday is considered a free day and players are authorised to be out until one o'clock.

Gee . . . life's not worth living.

World Club Championship First leg

ERIC WEIL

Feyenoord goalkeeper Treytel vainly tries to stop Estudiantes' first goal.

ESTUDIANTES PLAY CLEAN AND LOSE CONTROL!

THE Estudiantes-Feyenoord first leg in Buenos Aires was probably one of the best games we are likely to see in this competition; not because the two participating teams were so good—in fact they are nowhere near to being the best in the world—but because the away team could not follow the usual formula of defensive play.

Within ten minutes, Feyenoord were 2-0 down, not because Estudiantes made a hurricane start, but because after six minutes the Dutch goalkeeper, Treytel, failed to hold the ball and allowed Echecopar to head in following a free kick, while four minutes later an often-used Estudiantes "blackboard" move came off, following a corner, but Treytel can again be partly blamed when Veron netted from close in.

These quick blows probably favoured Feyenoord. As a result they had nothing to gain from defensive play and once they settled down to an ordinary game, they found that they had little to beat in Estudiantes.

'Tactics'

The Argentine team's power had always been in not playing football—in doing all the things (time wasting, arguing, fouling, shirt-tugging, goading opponents, etc.) which spoil a match and put the opposition off their game also. They had always excelled in marking and playing the opposition's danger man right out of the game by fair methods or foul. Feyenoord had one dangerous attacker in Swedish international, Kindvall, who reduced the arrears after 22 minutes, and Estudiantes, marking him fairly cleanly, couldn't stop him.

It is to the Argentine team's credit that it was a clean game with time for playing football, but a team can't play good football if it hasn't got the players and Estudiantes certainly haven't now—if they ever had.

Estudiantes didn't use direct methods in attack. Many of their players (Conigliaro, Pachame, Echecopar) ran without a break and didn't get anywhere. Their chief threat came from free-kicks or corners when they tried out—twice with success—their famous blackboard moves. Winger Veron, one of their few players with creative ability, wasn't 100% fit and played below form.

Half, Van Hanegem (who equalised after 66 minutes) was the man chiefly responsible for getting Feyenoord back into the game with slow, studied play, helped by the faster half, Hasil, combining well with Kindvall.

The Dutch players used the ball much better and took the upper hand more and more as the game progressed, until Estudiantes launched desperate attacks in the final minutes. Estudiantes couldn't be expected to play better with the players at their disposal. By not using their usual "gamesmanship" tactics, they found themselves out of their depth and, against Feyenoord, out of their class.

Estudiantes: Errea, Pagnanini, Spadaro, Togneri, Malbernat, Bilardo (Solari), Pachame, Echecopar (Rudzki), Conigliaro, Flores, Veron.

Feyenoord: Treytel, Romeijn, Israel, Laseroms, T. van Duivenbode, Hasil, James, van Hanegem (Boskamp), Wery, Kindvall, Moujlin.

After-match comments

Happel (Feyenoord coach) on Estudiantes: "Their defence was very loose and the team never managed to get going at all. None of their players impressed me, but maybe they just had a bad night."

Zubeldia (Estudiantes coach) on Estudiantes: "We played worse than the worst match we have played recently (referring to their poor league season). They all played badly and except for one player, I would have liked to have changed the whole defence."

Happel on Feyenoord: "In spite of losing 2-0 so early, we never stopped following our plan. The score was unfair anyway as the teams had been quite even up to then."

Zubeldia on Feyenoord: "They are a very good team, but we were not surprised. We thought Feyenoord would play very much like Estudiantes. All four goals were due to bad errors by both defences."

Kindvall heads Feyenoord's first goal to make it 2-1.

Feyenoord versus Estudiantes — Second Leg

DEALE IS THE HERO

from HANS MOLENAAR in Holland

"I TOLD you, we don't have to be afraid of anyone." These words were spoken by the Austrian former international Ernst Happel, now team manager and coach of Feyenoord Rotterdam, the European Champions Cup Winners 1970, after the second game for the Intercontinental Cup against the Argentinian Estudiantes de la Plata, after winning the world's highest club honour.

Ernst Happel kept very quiet after the game in Rotterdam, which was attended by 67,000 people and televised live to 16 different European countries, to Israel and the Argentine. Happel always keeps very quiet because he is that sort of man: he never boasts, he just predicts and so far he has been right for over 100 per cent.

He told me that Feyenoord were going to beat Celtic in the European Cup final in Milan last season *before* the game started. He had seen Celtic play and he knew exactly how to emphasise the few weak points in the Celtic team.

He had never seen Estudiantes play but he had studied some films, asked some Austrian friends about Argentinian football in general and when Feyenoord managed a 2-2 draw in the first game in the Boca stadium in Buenos Aires he was quite sure of himself: Feyenoord were going to win.

Honourable

There was only one very important snag. The Argentinians had played a very quiet and honourable game in Buenos Aires as if to show their own people how sporting and friendly they all can be.

There was nothing but praise for the way Estudiantes played that first game: it was televised at one o'clock in the morning to Holland, where everybody waited up and watched. And was surprised! This Estudiantes was not tough at all, there was no dirty play at all, it was all a normal football game, hard of course but not mean.

But then the second game in Rotterdam showed the other side of the Argentinians who tried in every way to obstruct the game and to influence the Chilean referee, Tejada. And they tried to destroy Feyenoord's intentions to play football by obstruction as the nicest way of "interference" and by just kicking the players at the ankles, etc., or by "elbowing" as they had done in the past.

Estudiantes played with three players who did not appear in the first leg. One of the changes was in goal where the infamous Poletti was still not allowed to play. In the Argentine coach Zubeldia had nothing but hard words for goalkeeper Errea.

He replaced him with the 21-year-old Pezzano.

Feyenoord coach Happel had no hard words for Feyenoord's custodian Eddy Treytel although he made a very bad mistake in that first game (first Argentinian goal) and was at fault with the second.

"Everybody can make mistakes, he will not make them in Rotterdam. I'm sure he will not be beaten even once in Rotterdam," Happel predicted. In the second half of the Feyenoord-Estudiantes game Treytel showed why Happel had every confidence in him. He played tremendously well after Zubeldia had shouted from the trainers' bench that everybody had to go into the attack to try to save the game.

Feyenoord's only goal of the game, the deciding goal, came in the second half after Happel had replaced 33-year-old outside-left Moulijn by a young newcomer—*who had never so far played a full 90 minutes' game* in the first team, Joop van Deale. He gave Feyenoord the unofficial world title half-way into the second half with a tremendously hard and very low shot in the left corner.

The goal was perfect but still the Argentinians protested like mad. They shouted at the referee, at the linesman, and wanted the goal disallowed because it was scored by a player ... wearing spectacles!

They thought it was against the rules of the game to have a player wearing spectacles.

The Estudiantes players acted like madmen from then on, trying to hit every Dutch player, body-checking, and they (Pachame) even broke Van Deale's spectacles in two!

This young player was so afraid that the opponents would repeat this kind of warfare that he played the rest of the game without his spare pair! He could not see things correctly in the last 20 minutes but he knew that he had done the thing he wanted most: he had given his club the world title.

The defence of Feyenoord, led again by the very quiet and dependable Israel as centre-back and with marvellous saves by goalkeeper Treytel, stood up under tremendous pressure.

After the game Ernst Happel and general manager Brox told their secret: during the game, after seeing that the Argentinians were only out for causing bodily harm had decided that, if there was no score and a third game was to be played (in Madrid) they would refuse to play that third game.

"That was also why I took Moulijn out of the game. He is very frail, at the peak of his form at 33. I did not want to have him in a hospital," Happel told the press!

These were the teams in this second world battle of 1970:

Feyenoord: Treytel, Romeyn, Israel, Laseroms, Van Duivenbode, Hasil (Boskamp), Van Hanegem, Jansen, Wery, Kindvall and Moulijn (Van Deale).

Estudiantes: Pezzano, Malbernat, Spodaro, Togneri, Medina (Pagnanini), Bilardo, Pachame, Romen, Conigliaro (Rudzki), Flores and Veron.

Feyenoord's Rinus Israel tackles the falling Veron of Estudiantes.

LOOKING AT SOCCER with BRIAN GLANVILLE

Ball players require more protection!

FIRST, as Mrs. Beeton had it, catch your hare. Or, as in the present instance, your ball player. Then, for heaven's sake, protect him. Protect him from the sort of vicious foul inflicted by a Chelsea defender on Eddie Gray, in the replayed Cup Final at Manchester, last April. From the hacking, chopping and mauling which, last season, ultimately wore George Best's temper to breaking point, in Belfast. From the counsel of cautious, negative managers who won't allow their good players to express themselves, for fear of the possible consequences.

Several of us, at the beginning of the present season, praised the enterprise and technical skills of the Brazilians, and insisted that there were a good many such artists in Britain, too, were they only given the proper opportunity. There was George Best, there was Charlie Cooke.... There was ... Charlie Cooke. There was George Best.... There was ... er.... Well, who, indeed, was there? And the realisation came depressingly upon us that there were awfully few. Or rather, that they weren't sufficiently numerous or sufficiently good for us to think about them without careful cogitation.

Caution

It is no use blaming Ramseyism, with its many negative virtues for all this. Ramseyism comes very late in the day, after some 40 years of caution and sterility. League football has been the real villain. In the ever increasing frenzy, the desperate struggle for points, it was always inevitable that caution would prevail. The deepest significance of Brazil's fine victory in Mexico was not so much that they brought it off with a marvellous attack, but that they did so despite an awful defence. Bombard me, please, with no statistics. I am fully aware, having been at the game, that England failed to score against Brazil, that Italy and the Czechs managed a mere goal each.

I am equally aware that England fashioned the surprisingly high number of at least four good chances, and that the Czechs, besides their early goal by Petras, had good opportunities to score at least two others before the Brazilian equaliser, and missed the sitter of the game when Kvasniak shot over the top, in the second half. As for the Italians, I would still like to know what would have happened had they not been, in the image of their own, wretched Championship, so thoroughly craven. Had they, that is to say, used a couple of orthodox, penetrative wingers, and really gone for that porous Brazilian defence.

From the faint hearted, the lazy, the traditionalist, the answer to the lessons of the World Cup was gloomily predictable. All very fine—but it can't be done here. It is hard to blame them. Herbert Chapman, after all, is still extolled as the foremost tactical thinker, the finest English manager, of his time. And what did Chapman (with some help from Charlie Buchan) give us? The third-back game!

It has been argued that with the talent he had at his command in those Arsenal teams of the '30s, he could have used any old tactic he pleased, and still come out top. It seems to me that the achievement of Brazil, in Mexico, reinforces the view. Clodoaldo, Gerson, Rivelino in midfield (and often up front); Pelé, Jairzinho, Tostao; these were the players who guaranteed Brazil's success. All had the strongest possible claims to be put into an overall World Cup selection. None of the others did; with the possible exception of Paul Cesar, who didn't play in the Final.

Charlie Cooke of Chelsea, a renowned ball player.

Arsenal, for their part, had such players as Charlie Jones, Alex James, Joey Hulme, David Jack, Cliff Bastin; everything but a brilliant, technical centre-forward. From time to time, Chapman tried to buy them—Dunne, Halliday, Coleman. It never worked. It was always a case of back to the bashers; first Lambert, then Ted Drake. But Arsenal's defensive players were, *mutatis, mutandis*, enormously superior to Brazil's. In the first place, Frank Moss was no Felix, standing on his line, pawing and flailing at high centres. He was one of the most brilliantly acrobatic goalkeepers of his day; just as Eddie Hapgood was one of the most elegant, versatile full-backs.

Tradition

But Arsenal, who had no tradition to betray, in any case, were operating on a safety first, breakaway philosophy at the same time as a team such as Rangers, which had decades of cultured football to forswear, was, in a word, forswearing them. The rot, in fact, set in very deep, a very long time ago. That rot explains why a player such as Len Shackleton, contrary (or, if you prefer it, independent) character apart, received only a derisory handful of England caps.

It explains why Walter Winterbottom and his strange selectors were forever throwing Stanley Matthews out of the England team, and forever, with massive reluctance, calling him back. (Remember 1950, when he wasn't even picked for the original World Cup party in Brazil, but had to be added as an afterthought. Remember 1956, when they recalled him at Wembley against Brazil, and the great man, at the senatorial age of 41, turned Nilton Santos, another great man, inside out. That's the only time we've ever beaten Brazil.)

Eddie Gray, another Scottish product with delicate ball skill.

Two innovations this season give one hope that we shall, perhaps, begin to protect our George Bests and Jimmy Johnstones, our incipient Tommy Harmers. (Harmer, let me use a further parenthesis to recall, stayed on the Spurs transfer list for 18 long, shameful months, unwanted by anyone but Cardiff and Fussball Klub Austria, at a time when everybody knew he was the best ball playing inside-forward in the country.)

The first innovation is that now, belatedly but very properly, clubs will be brought to book for the misdemeanours of their players. By comparison with Italian football, and still more with that slaughterhouse which is Argentinian football, our own game is reasonably clean and decent. But there is still a shabby vogue for "professionalism", alias controlled thuggery, a misbegotten belief (*vide* Jack Charlton's quoted remarks after Leeds had lost the Final) that if you're losing, it's because you are being too nice. Now, brushing aside such fatuities as were expressed by Arsenal's secretary, Bob Wall, when he alleged in his autobiography that there was nothing, but nothing, directors and managers could do once a team had crossed the touchline and taken the field, the FA have promised to jump heavily on directors and managers whose teams consistently transgress. Nothing that managers can do? What of the Second Division manager, no gentle player in his own day, who bounced about on his touchline seat yelling "Break his leg!"?

The other innovation, which readers of this magazine will know I have been advocating for many long years, is that of using an assessor, as they are to be called here, an Observer of the Field, as they are known in Italy, to supplement referees. It is axiomatic that the best referee in the world cannot see what is taking place behind his back. Frequently, his linesmen don't see it, or don't want to see it, either.

Those who shudderingly recall last season's two Cup Finals will know that the quality of our refereeing is scarcely reassuring, in any case. The arrival of the Assessor will perhaps put a little more backbone into the game, and make the coldly deliberate foul, outside the referee's field of vision, a little less common. Ball players should be delighted.

Sweeper scores three goals!

GOALSCORERS always produce the headlines and East Germany is no exception to the rule. But eyebrows were raised after Dresden's 3–0 win over the reigning champions Carl Zeiss Jena because all three goals were notched by the club's recognised "sweeper" playing behind the defence!

This puts Klaus Sammer the hat-trickster, level top of the scoring charts, too, after just two matches in the East German championship.

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It is of course no surprise that Nacional and Penarol seem to have the Uruguayan championship to themselves again. After seven matches they had dropped only a point between them and Nacional head the table one ahead of their arch rivals Penarol.

But the goalscoring race is very much a foreign affair with the Argentinian international centre-forward Luis Artime from Nacional tieing for first place on eight goals with Alberto Spencer, Penarol's Ecuadorian born, Uruguayan naturalised striker.

Both players are on the 30 age mark and have been around some time, but still find goalscoring comparatively easy. And Nacional and Penarol not only cream all the top talent in Uruguay but also engage the most effective foreigners.

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A few years ago Stromgodset were an unknown quantity in Norwegian football but in recent years they have won their way into the First Division and qualified for Europe via the Cup Winners Cup.

Now with the Norwegian season moving towards its close they are well in the running for the championship being only a point behind the League leaders Rosenborg. Much of the club's success this season is due to the striking form of the dynamic duo of the Pettersen brothers Steinar and Ingar. In a Cup quarter final against Stabaek they each scored twice in a 4–2 win. They have also scored two-thirds of Stromgodset League goals between them, Steinar having netted 12 and Ingar seven.

Report from ANDREW DETTRE in Sydney

AUSSIES ON SIX WEEK WORLD TRIP

LAST year's marathon travel across the world, in vain pursuit of a place under the Mexican "Mundial" sun, must have whetted the Aussie appetite. For after months of negotiations it has now been decided that on October 23 the Australian national team will wing out of Sydney with a Qantas jetliner on a six-week tour. And Australians seldom do things by half measure: the trip will touch on three continents—not counting our own.

The first stops will be in Asia, probably Hong Kong and Bangkok; then the team will fly on to India, possibly Iran, Israel, Greece, Rome, England and Mexico. Some of the matches along this exotic route are not yet confirmed. However, it appears certain that full internationals will be played against Thailand, Israel, Greece and Mexico —this at the Aztec Stadium, hallowed ground of Pelé & Co.

Unavailable

Those who paid even scant attention to Australia's game World Cup bid last year will be interested to know that many of the stars of 1969 will be missing. Goalkeeper Ron Corry, defender John Watkiss and ace forward Ray Baartz have declared themselves unavailable through business commitments.

Others are likely to be by-passed, like the full-back pair of George Keith and Stan Ackerley, midfielder Danny Walsh and forwards Ottie Abonyi and Willie Rutherford. The 18-strong squad, in fact, will be somewhat different from last year's—and a good bit weaker, I suspect.

But the changes not only affect the players: the team will travel with a new coach. Joe Vlasits, who was in charge from 1967, has been superseded and his job went to 34-year-old Yugoslav-born Zvonimir Rasic, from Melbourne. A former First Division player with Spartak Subotica and Borac, Rasic is expected to bring youthful dynamism and fresh ideas to his tough task.

His assistant coach on the tour will be one of Sydney's greatest veteran players, Les Scheinflug who, at 32, is the successful player-coach of Sydney First Division club Marconi—possibly the only team in the world named after an inventor. And to make the parallel even more interesting: Scheinflug was also born in Yugoslavia, of German parents.

Organised

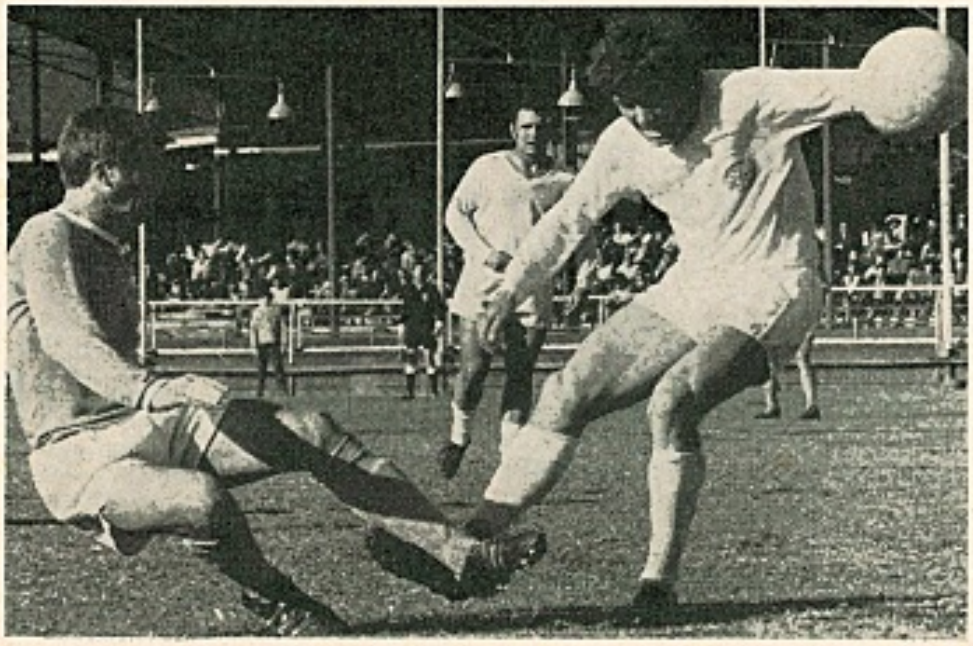
The tour was organised by the new Australian Federation secretary, Brian Le Fevre, on his recent trip to Mexico and Europe. He can take credit for succeeding where many others have failed in the past, usually through inertia: sending an Australian team to Europe.

While in Mexico, Le Fevre received a setback at the hands of FIFA who have apparently declared that they are in no mood to pay any compensation to Australia for last year's insane World Cup itinerary that took them to Korea, Mozambique and Israel in just over two months.

FIFA's change of heart is, to say the least, rather surprising. Last October when the possibility of all these gigantic travels first came up, Sir Stanley Rous told the Australian officials in Seoul — in my presence — that "FIFA would sympathetically consider aid" in view of Australia's financial position. So what happened to FIFA's sympathy between Seoul and Mexico?

On the domestic front the big news is that two of Sydney's most highly respected coaches are packing their bags for home. One of them is ex-Preston, Bolton and England winger Doug Holden, now with Auburn, who had a successful playing and coaching career in Australia. The other one is Frank Arok of St. George-Budapest, whose two-year contract has expired and who is now returning to Novisad in Yugoslavia.

Auburn have yet to decide on Holden's replacement but St. George have all but made up their minds: Arok's successor is likely to be Jeno Csaknady, one of the most brilliant Hungarian coaches operating outside Hungary. Since leaving Csepel in Budapest, Csaknady won a Regional-Liga title with Saarbrücken, had a spell with Kickers Stuttgart and FC Nurnberg and won two Greek championships with AEK. This year he was with Saloniki-based PAOK, whom he took up to fifth place from near the bottom. If negotiations are successful, Csaknady is scheduled to arrive in Sydney early October to take over from Arok before he departs.



Denis Yaager (left) of Sydney Hakoah tangles with Ryde's speedy striker Waters. The significant feature of this photograph is that both players are Australian born, something of a rarity a few years ago.

An unidentified Horsens player heads toward goal but Aalborg Boldspilklub's international, Kaj Poulsen need not leap for the ball. It went outside the post. Result: Horsens 0 AaB 1.

RIERA BACK IN CHILE

FERNANDO RIERA, the man who was responsible for taking Chile into third place in the 1962 World Cup when the little known South American country staged the Jules Rimet competition finals, is back where he first made his name.

Last season Riera was in charge of the Spanish club Espanol of Barcelona but now he has returned to Chile, where he will have the sole responsibility as trainer, selector and technical director of the national side again.

His first task will be to build a side for the 1974 World Cup in West Germany and with this in mind he will group three sections of players —first team, Under-23s and youths. His first big test comes this month when the national side take on Brazil, the current World Cup holders, in a match to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Chilean FA.

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What more glamorous start to the Swiss season could there have been than the presence at the Servette-Basle match of the famous Italian film actress Gina Lollobrigida. She was introduced to the teams before the game and was presented with a bouquet of flowers by the home captain.

Whether she had any influence on the following proceedings is not certain, but the match which ended in a 1-1 draw was generally accepted as being a poor one. Clearly the minds of the participants were not on football. . . .

TOP TEAMS MAY BE RELEGATED

from ARNE JANSEN in Denmark

THE question of which teams will win the championships and which will be relegated is as open as ever in the Danish first and second divisions. The situation is remarkable. The leading teams in the first and second divisions can still be relegated and the bottom clubs can still win the championships.

In the first division there are only six points separating the top team Brönshöj Boldklub and Kjöbenhavns Boldklub in 11th place. The situation in the second division is similar, the difference being six points between B1909 and Fremad Amager. And with nine matches to go much may happen.

Spring season

Before the season started Aalborg Boldspilklub were regarded as championship favourites but after the spring season they were in the relegation zone. After the restart of the season they began to show why the experts believed they would take the title. They took five points from three matches and their players looked sharp and eager.

The white and red striped Aalborg team have found the championship form at the right moment and will be well prepared for their European Cup Winners Cup ties with the strong Polish team Gornik Zabrze. During the summer break of the season AaB took part in an international tournament, the Toto Cup, and they were defeated rather heavily by Polish, Czech, and Austrian teams.

"We have learned a lot from those defeats," says new Dutch trainer Pieter Kraak. "I am pleased that we were beaten in most of the matches because the other teams disclosed our weaknesses!"

The Danish champions, B1903 Copenhagen, have little chance of success against Slovan Bratislava in the Champions Cup. B1903 have lost three of last season's international stars, Steen Römer Larsen, Allan Michaelsen, and Kristian Andersen, who are now playing for Dutch and French clubs. They have many young talents in the team, but they don't possess the necessary experience for European competitions.

B1903's home tie will be staged on the new turf in the Köbenhavns Idraetspark which will be reopened for the match. The pitch has been dreadful to play on for many years, but this season the Danish Football Association decided to do it "the Wembley way". They had the turf dug up and it is now green and growing again.

The surprise team of the second division has been Ikast FS. After the first half of the season they had gained only six points. Now they have doubled their points tally by defeating three top teams in a row, AGF 2-1, Esbjerg 3-1 and OB 4-1 (away).

Ikast is a village with about 10,000 inhabitants and a top place in the Second Division may attract half of the population to the football ground. Few clubs can boast about the fact that they are able to attract half of the population of their towns to their soccer matches.

CHELSEA CAN TRIUMPH IN EUROPE

RON HARRIS Column as told to GREGORY TESSER

AS far as I am concerned European competitive soccer is nothing new. It all started back in 1965–66 when we were engaged in the European Fairs Cup, and by golly did we draw some tough ones!

After Roma in the First Round our next tough hurdle was Munich 1860. We drew 2-2 in a snow-bound Munich thanks to a brace from Bobby Tambling, won the second encounter through a really marvellous "Ossie" header.

In the next round we found ourselves drawn against the favourites AC Milan, Gianni Rivera and all. In retrospect I must admit that we were more than lucky only to lose 2-1 in Italy, and before a 60,000 crowd at Stamford Bridge we held the mighty Italians to an exciting 2-2 draw after being in the lead twice.

The play-off in Milan was equally as entertaining, and we progressed to a semi-final clash with Barcelona not, I hasten to add because we scored more goals, but in those days all play-offs were decided on the toss of a coin (if the scores were level), and I was lucky! I shall never forget the dance Tommy Docherty and I did around the San Siro Stadium.

In the semi-final we had to play Fairs Cup specialists Barcelona. The first leg was played in soccer-crazy Spain and we were defeated 2-0. This match took place in between our FA Cup semi-final clash with Sheffield Wednesday.

I think we tried to be too defensive in Barcelona, but we were definitely unlucky not to win the second leg by at least three clear goals. Why we capitulated in the replay is not easy to fathom, but I suppose that we were basically tired and stale after a long hard season, and Barcelona exploited this to the full in the play-off to the tune of 5-0.

Incidentally, in the second leg I was very unlucky to have what I thought was a perfectly fair "goal" disallowed. However, for all this I am certain I learnt a great deal from this particular European exploit.

My next venture into Europe was in 1967–68 when our hopes were soon dashed in the Fairs Cup by DWS Amsterdam on the toss of a coin. At that time DWS had Israel, now with European champions Feyenoord, playing for them.

But that is all in the past, and I am convinced that this season ourselves and Manchester City will be the sides to beat in the European Cup Winners Cup.

Defence

What is the motivation behind this argument? Well, essentially I think that this present Chelsea squad is undoubtedly the best the club has ever had. We have a tough, but skilful defence plus a forward line to match any in Europe. I know the pundits still maintain that we let in too many soft goals, but let's face it our attack is very much like that of Brazil, that is capable of conceding a couple of "softies", but still able to win a match comfortably.

People like Peter Osgood, Alan Hudson, Keith Weller and Johnny Hollins are players who can literally turn a game with one flash of genius. There is, therefore, no doubt in my mind whatsoever that with this team we can in a very short space of time become the most attractive in the country if not in Europe.

"Ossie" has that Latin American approach, which is often not appreciated in this country by the average supporter. People criticise Pete for his lack of fire, but what many critics don't realise is that a chap like Peter possesses so much confidence that even the simplest touch has some subtle purpose behind it.

Yes, Europe is there for our taking this season But apart from the European Cup Winners Cup, our main aim must be to win the First Division championship, thereby qualifying for the European Champions Cup, still the hardest club competition in the world to win.

Bernard Joy said a few years ago, after we had drawn with AC Milan, that in time Chelsea could become the finest team in Europe. With our success in the FA Cup we broke the ice, and now it is up to the players to prove Bernard right.

We have the talent, and I think we now have the consistency. And as captain I am more than confident that we can scale the European heights.

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Colombian clubs will not risk their own men

ERIC WEIL reviews the scene in South America

COLOMBIA, once the mecca for foreign soccer players, will next year allow each club in its professional league to register only six foreign players and this figure will gradually be reduced to nationalise Colombian soccer. Actually Colombia can no longer attract the best foreign players and an all-Colombian team could be formed to do well in the league, but clubs will not take the risk for fear of losing support. Foreign players still have far more drawing power than the locals.

Colombia, where clubs are companies as in England, has what is probably the longest league season in the world which is split into two championships, in each of which the 14 clubs play each other home and away. At the end the first two of each championship play-off for the title.

Independiente-Santa Fe were comfortable winners of the first championship, while Junior were runners-up. The champions, who have one of Colombia's outstanding players in Alfonso Cañon, outran more than outplayed their rivals.

Last year's champions, Deportivo Cali, only eighth this time, have the biggest squad. Their president, Alex Gorayes, buys any good player he likes, even if he is going to be a reserve. Among them is popular Argentine ex-international, Lallana, a prolific scorer of vital goals. When he was left out recently, coach Pancho Villegas was asked by reporters why and said it was due to the bad mail service (?). He explained that he had sent a letter to Sir Stanley Rous asking to play 12-a-side, but had received no reply.

The country's most popular club, Millionarios de Bogotá, have lost support while only finishing sixth in the opening championship. As a result they are again in serious financial trouble, but they are not alone. Even the champions, Independiente-Santa Fe, couldn't keep up payments of promised bonuses to their players.

Apart from internationals wanting more money from their clubs, the World Cup also brought football pools to Brazil. After nine weeks they had their first big winner, Carmela Mondelli, an Egyptian woman who had been in Brazil for 12 years, but knows nothing about soccer. She forecast 13 league results correctly to win 400,000 dollars. A total of 1,357,747 participated that week.

Last month I mentioned that several Brazilian World Cup stars and coach Zagalo had come back from Mexico wanting more money from their clubs. Since then Tostao re-signed a two-year contract with his Bello Horizonte club, Cruzeiro, for 100,000 dollars plus salary and bonuses; Roberto, another forward, re-signed with Botafogo de Rio for 6,000 dollars and a 1,500 dollar monthly salary, while Mario Zagalo will continue to coach the same club with a contract worth 10,000 dollars plus 2,400 dollars per month.

CHILE'S season has reached the half-way stage with the end of the Metropolitan and Provincial Championships won by Union Española and Concepcion respectively. The top five of each tournament get a bonus of 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 points in the National Championship now being played between the same clubs in two sections.

Officials have been alarmed by the drop in gates since the World Cup, specially in the Metropolitan Championship where the loss of spectators has been estimated at 30%. This was going to make it even harder for players at some clubs to collect their salaries, but at the moment they are happy as the Government has just created new statutes for professional sportsmen which put them on the same basis as ordinary employees, with pensions and all other benefits.

URUGUAY'S FA will limit foreign players to two per club (up to now it has been four) next year, while transfers of Uruguayan players out of the country will not be allowed for two years prior to the 1974 World Cup and at no time for players under 21. The FA is also looking into the possibility of organising football pools in Uruguay.

As usual, Nacional and Peñarol are topping the First Division table and the outstanding display of the season so far was that of popular veteran Peñarol forward, Alberto Spencer, who scored four goals in one game.

But as is usual in Uruguay, the excitement came off-field. FA President, Dr. Lecarte Muro, whose feud with the National Club President, Miguel Restruccia, almost held up the start of the league championship (see last month's South American Scene), resigned and challenged Restruccia to a duel.

PERU'S World Cup coach, "Didi", finally returned to Lima for a brief visit to deny that there had been any disciplinary clashes between him and his players in Mexico and also to make out a full report to the Government investigating committee.

However, after a month of interviewing players, officials and newsmen who had been to Mexico, the Committee presented a report which suggested sanctions against back, Della Torre (for feigning an illness during the World Cup) and winger Baylon (for not following instructions to keep his weight down) and blamed Didi for his lack of tact.

Meanwhile champions, Universitario, who did well in this year's South American Championship with virtually a whole reserve team while they had nine players in the World Cup party, still hadn't brought their World Cup men back into the league side, but were topping the table by three points.

Havelange to challenge for FIFA Presidency

JEAN HAVELANGE, President of the Brazilian Sports Confederation (CBD), has been nominated to stand for the Presidency of the International Football Federation (FIFA) in 1974. Havelange, 54, and CBD President for the past 12 years, was nominated at the Congress of the South American Football Confederation to stand against Britain's Sir Stanley Rous, the current FIFA President. Sir Stanley Rous, 75, has held the office for the past eight years and was sole nomination when he was re-elected for a further four-year term last June. Havelange was a member of the Brazilian Water Polo team which competed in the 1952 Olympic Games in Helsinki.

Czech rumblings

THE rumblings of discontent arising from failure in the World Cup have now reached Czechoslovakia with drastic effect. The Czechoslovak Physical Training Union, the supreme council for sport, has abolished the very basis of pseudo-professional football, the movement of players from one club to another, and the facility for clubs to compete in terms of financial incentives.

From now on no Czech player affiliated to a club in either the First or Second Division will be allowed to move to another club, except in special circumstances—like a change in his outside occupation—which have to be approved by the Union. And benefits accruing to footballers, in terms of food vouchers and preferential treatment in buying consumer goods, have been standardised — and standardised on a much lower scale. In other words, there has been a levelling down rather than a levelling up.

Although the Union did not say so, transfers in Czechoslovakia had been practised openly under Dubjek, with the factories sponsoring clubs paying up to £20,000 in Czech currency for leading professionals. There had been special inducements, including such things as free cars and rent-free apartments, for players to move from the poorer clubs.

Czechoslovakia's early elimination in Mexico is, of course, partly an excuse for these sweeping changes. Behind it lies the new mood of intolerance within the Communist party and a rigid opposition to the trend towards commercialism in Czechoslovak sport. The Union's praesidium said that Czech football had "one-sidedly raised the material aspect over moral and educational values, that in the upper echelons of the league commercialism was a scandal ... political educational work was pushed aside in the scramble for money and the relationship with the communist development of Czech society was violated ... there was a serious deviation from the socialist system of physical training".

The Union said it was disgraceful that Czechoslovakia should scratch from the Olympic Football tournament, a tacit admission that Czech socialism was contrary to the principles of amateur football; and that the decision should be reversed. Further, all agreements with German sports firms for the use and advertisement of their equipment must be instantly revoked.

There are fears in Prague that some lead ing Czech football officials may actually b prosecuted for supporting the earlier move to put league football on virtually a fu professional basis, with spiralling wages an transfer fees. Already there has been purge of sports figures dissenting from th new political line.

One leading official, whom I will no name for obvious reasons, told me that "th effect on Czech football could be disastrous We have only just recovered from the dis ruption of the Russian invasion and it psychological effect on players and publi alike. It is simply not appreciated that foot ball without incentives cannot sustain hig standards without jeopardising the entir structure of club football.

"In future the national team is to ge priority, and many international players wil be taken away from their clubs for lon periods.

"In the short term, this may well improv our performances at international level, bu the long-term consequences could be disas trous. I am sure the circumstances that le to Hungary being so dominant in the 1950s with Honved monopolising the best player led in their turn to a loss of competitivenes at club level. We want a continuous hig standard, not one outstanding team onc every 20 years."

Bosquier of France challenges Czechoslovakia' Kuna with Djorkaef looking on in the recen international won by France 3-0.

Eisenhuettenstadt are relegated

East Germany's First Division clu Eisenhuettenstadt have been relegated t non-league status because of "grave lapse and infringements of league regulations".

Leading officials of the works sport group and both coaches, Manfred Fuch and Hans Studner, have been suspended fo two years. Four players have been bannec from all matches for 12 months.

The club were found guilty of "spendin the financial resources of various work funds without authority for purposes tha had nothing to do with a sport". It wa also alleged that "Unjustified gratuities wer paid, and the financial resources of workin people misused partly for personal reasons" There was an additional charge that "regu lations concerning working hours wer totally disregarded".

Another, less significant club, the Aktivis team of the Schwarze Pump Combine, re ceived a similar suspension—in their cas for misusing their income to get their clu promoted last season.

WORLD DIARY BY ROGER MACDONALD

Campaign to unseat Sir Stanley

THERE seems to be a well organised campaign to unseat Sir Stanley Rous, who of course was re-elected FIFA president at the last congress with only two countries opposing his nomination.

One of them, of course, was Uruguay, whose delegation had a running battle with Rous during the World Cup—when Sir Stanley rejected a stream of protests about referees, grounds and accommodation with firmness if not always with tact.

Sir Stanley's position remained secure, however, because the South American countries could not agree on whom to nominate in his place. Now, at last, they have agreed—and the Brazilian FA President, Joao Havelange, will stand against Sir Stanley in 1974.

In the meantime there have been virulent attacks on the FIFA president in a number of newspapers in both South America and Europe. Portugal's leading sports paper, *Mundo Desportivo*, said it had always been against "The dictatorial mandates of that big boss of soccer and his demands". There was a revolt brewing against him in South America, said *Mundo*, and it had spread to Europe.

The editorial continued: "It is time to settle accounts, time to send packing from the command of FIFA an individual who transformed the organisation into a Puss-in-Boots, with the amazing connivance and servility of many others."

According to *Mundo*, Sir Stanley resigned as chairman of the referees committee after the South American nations accused him of partisanship. "The shout of revolt has been launched in South America," concluded *Mundo*. "It has reached Europe. It's the beginning of the end. Get out, Sir Rous."

However, I doubt whether Sir Stanley will sleep uneasily; he has heard it all before. And as he will be nearly 79 when his present term of office ends after the Munich World Cup, he may feel it is time to give the job to a younger man in any case. That younger man could well be Havelange, who when Munich comes round, will be a mere 60....

Luis Rubinos of Peru survived the wrath of his country's FA.

PERU ACT!

THE Peruvian FA is split over the the decision to suspend two of their World Cup players, Julio Baylon and Orlando La Torre, because of their conduct in Mexico. The team manager, Didi, insisted on a special disciplinary committee following their return to Peru and then threatened to resign if their findings and recommendations were not made public.

The commission said they were satisfied that Baylon, who had not trained properly for some months because of a serious knee injury, had ignored instructions about his diet, and had actually put on weight at Leon instead of losing it. As for La Torre, he had used "abusive language" to Didi following the introduction of a "curfew" for the entire party. They recommended suspension for both players, six months for La Torre and three months for Baylon.

However, the Peruvian federation council felt that any disciplinary action would show "similar lack of gratitude" for the team's performance in Mexico, where of course they were beaten in the quarter-finals by the eventual winners, Brazil. Rather than implement the findings, they resigned, and it was left to Didi's close ally, Jose Maurtua, to take over the presidency and confirm the suspensions. But I fancy we have not heard the last of this affair.

Russia, too, have undergone an agonising reappraisal following their defeat by Uruguay in the quarter-finals of the Mexico World Cup. The Soviet press has published numerous articles criticising the organisation of the Russian League and the methods of coaching throughout the USSR.

Now the decisions of the committee for Physical Culture and Sport have been made public. They confirm the general view that coaches' methods themselves were at fault, and immediate remedies were needed.

The committee is to establish a new practical course for Soviet coaches, where retraining in batches of 50 will begin immediately. Leading coaches will be sent abroad to study the training methods of leading overseas nations, like Brazil and West Germany; and top foreign coaches will be invited to Moscow for annual seminars, where they will be able to give lectures to their Russian counterparts.

Criticised

Russia's coach in Mexico, Gavril Katchalin, was also harshly criticised, and he may be replaced before Russia enter their next major international competition—the European championship.

The Russians also intend to make changes in the structure of their national league, reducing the size of their first division, and, following Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia, introducing tighter restrictions on transfers.

The committee has also decided to increase the number of matches with foreign sides. To this end, Russia are to hold a new international tournament each year, with the Russian champions meeting several strong foreign sides. And from next season, Russia will nominate at least two clubs for the European Fairs Cup.

The idol of Russia is to retire

LEV YASHIN interviewed by NORMAN CUTLER

One of the matches which meant the most to Lev Yashin was the England v. The Rest of the World clash in 1963. Here he is about to make a save during a moment of that historic game.

LEV YASHIN, idol of Russian football, the most distinguished player the Soviet has ever produced, is to retire. "At 41 I'm moving towards the end of my playing career. It will be a terrible break ... I shall miss the excitement and particularly the friendships. But good things must come to an end sometime," he says.

Whether Yashin's experience and vast knowledge of the game will be lost is very doubtful. Already there are rumours that he will join the Dynamo's technical staff ... that he may become a manager ... and the persistent report that he might become associated with Russia's FA.

Yashin makes no comment on all this except: "At the moment I'm still a player with Moscow Dynamos." Nor would Dynamo president, Liev Dilriugin, throw any light on the great player's future. His comment was: "In Russia we don't talk about decisions until they are made."

However, I can definitely say "something is in the wind" and that in the future we shall probably see more of Lev Yashin ... more than we did when he was a player. Russia could hardly find a better football ambassador.

Tournament

The famous goalkeeper was in Barcelona recently with Moscow Dynamos, chief attraction of the Catalan club's "Gamper Memorial Trophy" tournament. I met him after the dinner given by President Augustin Montal to officials of the four competing clubs ... the Dynamos, FC Schalke (Germany), Ujpest Dozsa (Hungary) and Barcelona. Yashin, very much a privileged figure in Russian football, was the only player present.

Tall—he's 6 ft. 2 in.—elegantly dressed and so very friendly and charming, Yashin laughed heartily when I said he must have some secret for his eternal youth. "No, there's no secret ... just fitness, dedication and love of football."

Then he went on ... "I think nowadays far too much accent is placed on youth in football. Look around and you will find the world's best players are all in their late twenties and early thirties. Even in Mexico's heat ... Charlton, Pelé, Seeler were the players that really mattered. My preference is always for skill and experience and of course physical and mental fitness."

Talking of his successors, Yashin enthused over Anzor Kavazashvili (of Spartak), Russia's first choice for Mexico. "He is clearly our No. 1 at the moment, although young Rudakov of Kiev Dynamos has all the qualities of a great goalkeeper and will one day gain international honours." He spoke of three other Moscow Dynamo players who have great futures ... centre-forward Koslov, he's 24, and scored 12 of the 23 goals obtained in our first 16 league matches ... and Utkin and Zhukov, both 20-year-old forwards."

The world's best-ever goalkeeper? "That's impossible to answer because football changes with the years. The best 20 years ago would not necessarily qualify today. There have been many great 'keepers ... Sam Hardy and Frank Swift of England, Ricado Zamora and Antonio Ramallets of Spain and Mexico's Antonio Carjaval, to name a few. Each was the best in his own era."

Outstanding

Today? "You don't need me to tell you. Gordon Banks is by far the most outstanding."

Memorable matches? Yashin hardly stopped to think. "There are two that will always remain in my memory. When I was invited to play for the Rest of the World against England at Wembley in 1963 ... that was a great honour and a wonderful game." (That afternoon Yashin was at his brilliant best and gave an unforgettable exhibition.)

"The other was the farewell match for Stanley Matthews at Stoke, an occasion I shall never forget. I considered it a privilege to be included in that great parade of world footballers who were invited to pay tribute to the phenomenal Matthews. One of my most cherished souvenirs is a photograph of myself and Ferenc Puskas carrying Sir Stanley on our shoulders."

Yashin, who is married with two daughters, Irene aged 12, and Helene, eight, has played for Russia on 75 occasions ... took part in three World Cup final stages and was a late selection for Mexico. He also appeared in two Nations Cup finals (1960 and 1964).

Expectant

The evening after our talk, 85,000 fans gave Yashin a tremendous ovation when he led the Moscow side on to the field for their match against Barcelona. Everyone was expectant, eager to see the legendary "Black Panther" in action. Yet how disappointed they were. Yashin, through no fault of his own, hardly touched the ball.

Moscow Dynamos, playing the most brilliant and inspired football seen in Spain for years, literally slaughtered poor Barcelona. They won 5-0 just as they pleased ... and had three perfectly good goals disallowed by an utterly prejudiced referee. One local newspaper wrote: "Barcelona were ridiculed 0-5, even with the help, protection and compassion of the referee (Spanish)."

At the end there was another disturbing scene at Estadio Nou Camp ... Barcelona players, this time, left the field to a roar of catcalls and battered with flying cushions. And there were the usual recriminations—how monotonous they're getting—of "Sack the lot" ... "Out with manager Vic Buckingham".

When will Barcelona's supporters learn to accept defeat and understand that you can't always win.

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PELE TO PLAY ON FOR '74

PELE intends to play in the 1974 World Cup in West Germany, he told reporters in Caracas, Venezuela, this month.

Pelé, 31, said: "I believe that a soccer player can maintain himself in very good condition up to the age of 35. My intention is to play another four years and help Brazil in the next World Cup in West Germany."

Pelé said he had originally intended to retire after the Mexico World Cup but Brazil's victory had given him a new lease of life. "I feel young again and have plenty more energy to spend," he said.

Top coaches take blame

Soviet national coaches Gavril Kachalin and Alexei Paramonov have been blamed for the Soviet Union's "unsatisfactory" performance in the World Cup in Mexico.

The Committee of Physical Culture and Sport in a report said Russia's 1-0 defeat of Uruguay in the quarter-finals was "to no small degree a result of mistakes made by the coaches.

"They failed to find correct forms of pre-games conditioning, failed to foster in the team the necessary moral qualities and stamina and failed to build up the team psychologically for the important games."

The report said it had been a mistake to hold matches against apparently weak rivals as part of the World Cup build-up.

"The World Cup has shown that the Soviet team did not have the necessary arsenal of tactical innovations and the technical level of the majority of its players was below the world standard.

The Committee announced a series of sweeping changes to boost Russia's soccer status. Seminaries with foreign coaches will be held every year and Russian coaches will spend some time abroad to improve their knowledge.

As well as reshaping the domestic system the Committee have decided Soviet clubs should compete in the European Fairs Cup. But they would not say when the teams will make their début.

The Soviet Football Federation has been given the task of preparing a programme of annual tournaments for young players starting next year. There will also be youth tournaments with foreign teams competing.

The Committee said Russia's performance in the World Cup reflected the general flaws throughout the country. At present, a footballer can only change teams after a three-year period in the same side, and he can only change twice in his career.

Star banned for year

Polish international Janusz Zmijewski has been suspended by his club, Legia Warsaw, for a year and banned from travelling abroad because of an alleged attempted currency offence, it was officially reported in Warsaw.

Smijewski, 27, was a member of the Legia team which reached the semi-finals of the European Cup last year and has played 14 times for his country.

32 for finals?

The World Cup finals should feature 32 countries, twice as many as at present, according to Mr. Sandor Bares, Hungarian Vice-President of UEFA.

Mr. Bares' suggestion was published in the Budapest newspaper *Magyar Hirlap*.

The first two rounds of the final series, based on a simple KO system, would reduce the 32-strong field to eight teams which would split into two groups, according to Mr. Bares.

Each country would play the other three teams in its group—as is now the case when the 16 finalists are split into four groups—and then the winners would qualify for the final and the runners-up would play for third place.

Mr. Bares stressed the system would take no longer than the 20 days of the present finals and would double the participation.

A happy looking Pele no doubt looking forward to 1974.

PETER JACKSON IN WALES

SWANSEA TO STAGE AN INTERNATIONAL

SWANSEA is to stage its first Welsh international against a foreign country later this season. For the Welsh FA has chosen the Vetch Field as the venue for the European Championship Cup tie against World Cup finalists Czechoslovakia next April.

During the last ten years Swansea has had just the two senior internationals—against Northern Ireland in 1964 when George Best took his international baptism and again last April when Best's return helped draw a crowd of 28,000.

But the opening European Championship game, against Rumania on November 11, is to be played at Welsh soccer's traditional home—Ninian Park.

It was there against England at the end of last season that the Welsh FA had their most successful game with a profit of almost £12,000.

Other profits of £7,496 (Wales v. Rest of United Kingdom), £7,049 (Wales v. Northern Ireland) and £6,530 (Wales v. East Germany) all helped the Association make a record-breaking profit of £26,620 last season.

Two factors explain the out-sized figure—first that the Welsh FA received £30,000 in television fees and second that two series of the British Championship were included in their financial year which ends in April.

The Welsh FA says it is anxious to help improve facilities at their League club grounds and a meeting has been requested with Cardiff City directors so the two parties can discuss plans to modernise Ninian Park.

Player-manager

John Charles, scorer of an estimated 500 goals in 20 years of competitive football, has played at centre-forward for the last time. Now he has gone back to where he started—centre-half.

It was in 1950 that Charles became a professional with Leeds, dispatched to Elland Road from his native Swansea. Twenty years later and he is still active—as player-manager of the progressive Southern League club Hereford United.

"Maybe I'm a bit too old to play centre-forward these days," admits football's Gentle Giant. "So I'm settling now for centre-half.

"In the early days in Leeds that's where I played and it was only because they didn't have a centre-forward at the time that I played there. That was just one of those breaks. But I can't honestly say whether I preferred one position any more than the other."

Charles did consider retirement at the end of last season—his fourth at Hereford for whom he has scored more than a century of goals.

But he decided to play on and nothing would give Charles greater satisfaction than the prospect that one day the market town of Hereford may win elevation to the Football League.

Charles went to Hereford after being released by Cardiff City. His career is of legendary proportion—suffice to say that his name is still talked of with awe in Italy where, primarily with Juventus, and subsequently with Roma he made a name for himself others still strive to match.

Younger brother Mel still plays too—for Haverfordwest, the Pembrokeshire club which finished runners-up to Cardiff City in last season's Welsh League championship.

Allchurch to retire

While the Charleses continue, Welsh football's other famous pair of brothers are to retire at the end of the coming season.

Ivor Allchurch, player-manager of Haverfordwest, and his younger brother Len are planning to go into business next summer.

Allchurch, senior, holds a record number of 67 Welsh caps, played in more than 600 League games and served three League clubs—Swansea, Newcastle and Cardiff.

His brother, who received the biggest bonus pay-out of any Swansea player from last season's promotion to Division III, still plays for his home-town club, having returned to the Vetch Field after spells with Sheffield United and Stockport County.

Welsh skipper Terry Hennessey, currently on the injured list.

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YET ANOTHER SUCCESS FOR UJPEST DOZSA

HUNGARIAN NEWS by LESLIE VERNON

I WISH I were 30 years younger! Apart from the other obvious benefits of being able to turn the clock back I would be particularly happy as a football fan. In those far-off days, I was an ardent Ujpest supporter, crying my lilac and white heart out when they lost.

My loyalty to them was prompted by the fact that one of their players called Sternberg lived in the same block of flats as we did, and his physical proximity impressed me enormously. My father was less easily influenced and remained faithful to the local team in Budapest—MTK.

I still remember the electric atmosphere in our home on the days when these teams played against each other. An Ujpest victory meant an instant reduction in my pocket money—an MTK triumph resulted in good humoured ribbing during dinner.

These touching (?) personal reminiscences are but a foreword to an announcement in this column of yet another Ujpest Dozsa success. Lajos Baroti's team won the Hungarian Cup for the second year running by beating Komlo 3-2 in the Final. Earlier in the League, Dozsa hammered the same team 6-0, consequently, this narrow margin flattered the provincials.

Answered

Only 5,000 people attended the match at the Nepstadium, where two Fazekas goals and one by Antal Dunai were answered by Juhasz and Horvath. The real decider for the Cup was the semi-final tie, Dozsa v. Vasas, which ended in a rather leisurely 4-2 Dozsa win (half-time 4-0!).

Hungarian football is truly dominated at present by Ujpest, who won the last four domestic competitions (two Championships, two Cups) with ease. They are also doing extremely well in the present campaign, winning their first three matches, 5-0, 6-0 and 5-1—the best ever start by any team in the history of Hungarian League football.

The current season had a sensational opening—off the field! Miklos Pancsics, centre-back of the national team and Ferencvaros, asked for a transfer and announced that from next season he will be playing for Dozsa. Pancsics is one of the very few world-class footballers in Hungary, and this ultimatum shocked not only his present club, but the entire population of this football-crazy country.

Due to the stupid transfer rules operating, Pancsics could not possibly change clubs without first "sitting-out" 12 months—exactly the same illogical predicament that previously faced internationals Kelemen and Szucs.

With the help of the FA officials, a compromise formula was worked out, which would have enabled Pancsics to play for FTC this season and then change clubs next summer.

"Quod licet Jovi"—you might say, or in other words, what is allowed for the goose is not always permitted for the gander. Before this brilliantly original plan was put into operation, Pancsics changed his mind and decided to carry on playing for Ferencvaros. A storm in a teacup? A pseudo-event? Perhaps! But it makes one think about the structure and state of health of Hungarian football.

Sportsman

I know Pancsics personally, he is an honest hard-working player and an excellent sportsman. Why did he act so strangely? Was it the offer of under-the-counter money that made him choose Dozsa, and still more money that persuaded him to stay put?

A possible, but unlikely explanation. I feel that Pancsics is frustrated, not only by the lack of success, but by the lack of ambition of the green and whites. He desperately wants to play for a successful club which has a chance of stepping into the international limelight.

During '66 and '67, Vasas was the best Hungarian club side, in the following two years, when Florian Albert reached the peak of his career, it was the turn of Ferencvaros, but since then it has been the "Dozsa-era" and it is only natural that the best, most ambitious players gravitate to them.

Motivated

I may be too kind to Pancsics when I assume that he was motivated by wanting to improve his football, not his bank balance. But whatever the case may be, it is absolutely essential for a country's football development, to ensure that the exceptionally talented players are able to improve by playing for any one club. Domestic competitions are vital, only keenly contested League football can eventually produce a national team worthy of the traditions of Hungary.

In the meantime, the national squad had a curious preparation for the forthcoming European Championship matches.

Manager Jozsef Hoffer arranged three warm-up matches against foreign clubs. Karl Zeiss Jena of East Germany were the first visitors. Hungary (without the help of the Vasas players—away in Spain) beat them 1-0 (Bene). UTA Arad of Rumania came next and were beaten 3-0 (Kozma, Kocsis, Karsai). This time, the Dozsa players were missing—away in Spain! The third opponents came from Yugoslavia (Szabadka—3-0, scorers Szabo 2, Vidats) and Hoffer had to pick a team excluding the Ferencvaros, Dozsa and Honved players.

Unprecedented

Yes, you are right—they were away in Spain playing in unimportant tournaments, but, of course, earning pesetos galore.

Due to this unprecedented mid-season exodus to sunny Espana, Hoffer could not field his first choice team even once before the West Germany friendly, and his lieutenant, coach Kapocsi, was seriously hindered in his training schedules.

Club or country? Hard currency or a hard-hitting effective national eleven? The choice is clear, and I ask the FA not to insult our intelligence with the usual double-talk. The Hungarians have been trying for years to "have the cake and eat it", or, as they say, "feed the goat and keep the cabbage". It just can't be done—so please tell us the truth, and I for one will accept it.

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Curtain to fall on old-timers?

Willi Schulz of Hamburg SV.

WEST GERMANY'S epic battles during the World Cup finals in Mexico will forever remain among the most glorious chapters in the history of the game. No one who followed their tremendous effort in overcoming the holders, England, after being 0-2 down—or the dramatic fight-back against Italy, is likely to forget their splendid contribution to soccer's premier tournament and the excitement they provided for the several hundred millions of TV spectators.

Main credit must be given to manager Helmut Schön, who ignored the timid pessimists as well as the violent criticism and stuck to his beliefs, to emerge as one of the greatest tacticians of the series. The introduction of Libuda against Bulgaria, the launching of substitute Grabowski at vital psychological moments and his unshaken faith in that old warrior Uwe Seeler—these were Schön's outstanding master strokes.

Now the curtain must inevitably fall on such distinguished old-timers as Willi Schulz (aged 32, 66 caps), Karl-Heinz Schnellinger (31/46), Helmut Haller (31/33) and Uwe Seeler (34/71).

Endured

Despite his fine displays in Mexico, Uwe Seeler has again announced his definite (?) retirement from the national team. The living legend of German football played in his fourth World Cup series (like Schnellinger) and actually endured 600 minutes of football—that is to say in all six matches plus two periods of extra time. Only Vogts, Overath and Müller matched this stint, which was the longest by any performers in Mexico.

At nearly 34 years of age, Seeler has joined Paul Janes as the country's most capped player—both appeared 71 times. Next come Schulz (66), Ernst Lehner (65), Fritz Walter (61), Wolfgang Overath (55), Herbert Erhardt (50), Albin Kitzinger and Andreas Kupfer (44), Horst Szymaniak, Franz Beckenbauer and Horst-Dieter Höttges (43), Reinhold Münzenberg (41) and Helmut Rahn (40).

Leading international goalscorers (in parentheses number of caps): Seeler 43 (71); Fritz Walter 33 (61); Ernst Lehner 30 (65); Gerd Müller 27 (25); Edmund Conen 27 (28); Richard Hoffmann 24 (25); Max Morlock 21 (26) and Helmut Rahn 21 (40).

The next competitive assignment awaits the national side in the European Championship, due to start in October. The Germans enjoyed a fairly lucky draw and should—in normal circumstances—qualify without much difficulty for the quarter-finals.

But for the moment the chief interest centres on the *Bundesliga* which opened its eighth season in mid-August. Last term brought the lowest gates recorded so far: only 5,876,967 spectators for an average of 19,206 per match. At the half-way mark, the quota stood at 22,838 but the dreadful winter which caused the postponement of 45 games led many clubs to the brink of ruin.

The average losses per club are estimated at £20,000–£30,000. The best supported team were Hertha Berlin who attracted 661,092 fans—average 38,888. Next came Cologne 421,503 (average 24,794) and Borussia Mönchen-Gladbach 417,959 (24,586). At the other end were Alemannia Aachen 179,214 (10,542), Rot-weiss Oberhausen 201,619 (11,860) and Kaiserslautern 231,116 (13,595).

Financial

Since the foundation of the Bundesliga (1963) a total of 45,229,453 spectators paid some £30 million. The highest gates were registered in 1966/67 with 7,129,485, whilst the highest average was achieved in 1964/65 with 26,934 per match.

Lack of support is certainly not due to shortage of space, for several *Bundesliga* clubs use large stadiums like in Berlin 85,000, Hannover and Stuttgart 75,000 each, Hamburg 71,000 and Frankfurt 70,000, to name only a few. All these are, however, municipal grounds and in fact only one *Bundesliga* club — Eintracht Brunswick — owns a stadium big enough (38,000) to stage league matches. Most of the other clubs operate at a financial loss caused partly by the exorbitant rents and taxes and accelerated by the introduction of the professional, so-called licensed players. Here, an additional burden is provided by the multitude of foreign players lured to this country by lucrative contracts.

Since 1963, a total of 65 foreigners performed with mixed success in the National League. Two who participated from the start will be sadly missed this term: Yugoslav-born 'keeper Petar Radenkovic has decided—upon the relegation of his club 1860 Munich—to retire, while Willi Huberts has left Eintracht Frankfurt and returned to FK Austria in Vienna.

But the general trend is gradually being halted, for this season 11 foreigners have left the *Bundesliga* while only five were newly engaged. Altogether 20 foreign players are currently on contract with *Bundesliga* clubs as follows:

Bayern Munich—Peter Pumm (Austria) and Johnny Hansen (Denmark). **Hertha Berlin**—Laszlo Ghergeli (Rumania) and Zoltan Varga (Hungary). The latter who defected to the West during the Olympic Games in Mexico City in 1968 has now

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ended the two-year FIFA ban and becomes eligible on October 13. **Cologne**—Milutin Soskic (Yugoslavia) and Thomas Parits (Austria). **Schalke**—Heinz Van Haaren (Holland) and Hans Pirkner (Austria). **Kaiserslautern**—Idriz Hosic and Bratislava Djordjevic (both Yugoslavia). **VfB Stuttgart**—Gilbert Gress (France) and Jan Olsson (Sweden). **Rot-weiss Essen**—Egbert-Jan ter Mors and Willi Lippens (both Holland). **MSV Duisburg**—Djorre Pavlic (Yugoslavia). **Borussia Dortmund**—Branco Rasovic (Yugoslavia). **Hamburger SV**—Arcos Oezcan (Turkey). **Werder Bremen**—Ole Björnmose (Denmark). **Borussia Mönchen-Gladbach**—Ulrik Le Fevre (Denmark). **Hannover**—Zvezdan Cebinac (Yugoslavia).

These players come from nine countries: six Yugoslavs, three each from Austria, Denmark and Holland plus one apiece from Rumania, Hungary, France, Sweden, Turkey. Only Eintracht Frankfurt, Rot-weiss Oberhausen, Eintracht Brunswick, Kickers Offenbach and Arminia Bielefeld will rely solely on home-bred footballers.

Champions

For the first time in their 70-year-old history Borussia Mönchen-Gladbach became champions of Germany. Their only other major trophy was the Cup which they won in 1960. Since gaining promotion in 1965, Borussia climbed steadily to the top. A 13th place was followed by eighth, then they finished third two years running, and now clinched the title.

This earned each player a bonus of 10,000 DM (£1,180)—the highest reward ever paid in this country. Despite using the smallest *Bundesliga* stadium, which holds only 32,000, Borussia belong to the small minority of clubs who are not heavily in debt. For this they can thank their three-man executive who operate economically, refuse to pay out exorbitant transfer fees and send home any youngster who demands a star player's salary.

The mutual confidence and trust between the board and manager Hennes Weisweiler is probably unique in this country. All arrangements concerning remuneration, duties and length of engagement are solved verbally and concluded with a handshake.

The Bökelberg stadium will be enlarged in the autumn and so Borussia will most likely stage their European Cup games in Düsseldorf. They will tackle this lucrative competition with no fewer than ten internationals: Vogts (30 caps), Netzer (14), Sieloff (9), L. Müller (6), Wimmer (4), Köppel (3), Heynckes (3), Laumen (2), Dietrich (1) and Le Fevre (26 caps for Denmark).

The transfer period in the *Bundesliga* ended on June 30. Here are the most important moves: **Borussia Mönchen-Gladbach**—engaged: Heynckes (ex Hannover). **Cologne**—engaged: Parits (Austria Vienna), Kapellmann (Alemannia Aachen) and Schäfer (Borussia MG). **Schalke**—engaged: Fischer (1860 Munich). **MSV Duisburg**—engaged: Danner (Borussia MG), Kentschke (Kaiserslautern). **Bayern Munich**—engaged: Maas (Eintracht Brunswick), Hansen (Nürnberg)—released: Olk (Aarau), Starek (Rapid Vienna), Ohlhauser (Grasshoppers Zürich) and Schmidt (Offenbach). **Eintracht Frankfurt**—released: Huberts (Austria Vienna), Jusufi (Germania Wiesbaden). **Eintracht Brunswick**—engaged: Erler (Borussia Dortmund) — released: B. Dörfel (Servette Geneva). **Hamburger SV**—released: Hof (Wiener SK). **Werder Bremen**—engaged: Thielen (Cologne), Assauer (Borussia Dortmund)—released: Danielsen (Denmark). **Kaiserslautern**—engaged: Hosic (Partizan Belgrade), Djordjevic (OFK Belgrade), Elting (Schalke) and Blusch (Cologne). **Hertha Berlin**—engaged: Ghergeli (Dynamo Bucharest), Varga (Ferencvaros)—released: Fraydl (1860 Munich), Ipta (Tasmania Berlin). **VfB Stuttgart**—engaged: Weiss (Eintracht Brunswick). **Hannover**—engaged: Keller, Berg (both 1860 Munich), Nafziger (St. Gallen). **Offenbach**—engaged: Spinnler, Schäfer (both Borussia MG), Schmidt, Neslinger (both 1860 Munich). **Rotweiss Essen**—engaged: Erlhoff (Schalke), Dansmann (Oberhausen).

Uwe Seeler (left) with Gerd Muller.

Actually this season began with a spate of Cup fixtures left over from the previous term.

Eliminated

The first big sensations occurred in the quarter-finals when the holders Bayern Munich slumped to a 1-2 defeat by the Regional-Liga team Nürnberg. A full house of 70,000 cheered goals by Stegmeyer and Kröner, whilst Mrosko scored for the visitors, who lost Schwarzenbeck—sent off! Relegated Alemannia Aachen surprisingly eliminated Hertha Berlin, with a last-minute penalty by Hoffmann (1-0). Newly promoted Kickers Offenbach swept out their neighbours Eintracht Frankfurt 3-0, all the goals coming in a 13-minute spell to shock the 55,000 crowd. Finally Cologne disposed of champions Borussia Mönchen-Gladbach by 3-2 after extra time in a see-saw game, the score including two penalties.

In the semi-finals, Cologne crushed Alemannia by 4-0 (Löhr 2, Flohe and Overath) whilst Kickers reached the Final for the first time in its history after a dramatic 4-2 a.e.t. victory over Nürnberg, the last three goals coming inside the last five minutes of extra time! But the shock of the year was reserved for the final at Hannover where against all odds Offenbach defeated Cologne by 2-1 to lift the trophy.

BARCELONA ARE CONFIDENT

THE Spanish League season actually got under way in spite of all the alarms and fears. So now the battles and shooting on the playing pitch have started, perhaps the sniping and intrigues in the corridors of power will die down.

First Division pressures will be a little less this season, for only two teams (not three) will be relegated. Four will be promoted from the Second Division, increasing the senior table to 18 clubs (in 1971–72) according to the controversial proposition forced into the statute book during the summer annual assembly.

The curiosity of the close season is that only three of the top eight clubs have made any costly (Spanish values) signings. The fact is that when the "open door on foreign imports" was slammed plans to sign players like Cruyft, Van Moer, Beckenbauer and others, went sky high. Clubs were thrown into a panic trying the impossible ... finding domestic replacements for the stars they had hoped to sign. The second-rate clubs settled for yesterday's stars ... the rich fashionable clubs recalled their ceded players and looked to their own nurseries.

Atletico Madrid, last year's champions, failed to sign a single player ... and it's difficult to understand why. The main artery of their side, Calleja aged 33, Luis (32) and Adelardo (31) is not getting younger. They will certainly feel the strain if Atletico achieve, even modest success in Europe.

Provocative manager Marcel Domingo asked the Board for at least a left-wing reinforcement, but when he returned from holidaying in Mexico found nothing had been done. His explosive comments shook the very foundations of Atletico's new stadium. Nevertheless Domingo is talking about the European Cup returning to Madrid ... ATLETICO MADRID. Not this year I'm afraid ... nor the Championship. Atletico won the Spanish title last winter chiefly through determination, rather than competence. So far, this season, they look like "proper Charlies" to say the least.

Released

Ronnie Allen's Atletico Bilbao, now using their new training centre created by the English manager, released five or six players. But no signings (their policy forbids it). Allen has simply brought into the first team squad three exceptional youngsters from their juvenile side which won the National Juvenile Cup. The mysterious departure of League side manager, Garcia Andoin (Allen has temporarily taken over) has never been officially explained.

The breach was caused through Bilbao's anti-Atletico press, who reported that Real Madrid wanted Andoin as their assistant manager and had opened negotiations. The report was completely untrue and Andoin became an innocent victim ... accused of disloyalty.

Bilbao's immediate success under Allen was amazing last season, but just as amazing was their incredible irregularity. If Allen can achieve more consistency they'll be in the first three ... and probably champions.

News from Seville, where "Dr." Max Merkel has been making his players crawl up the terraces on hands and knees, heave huge boulders and clamber over brick walls (real Commando stuff) is far from rosy. Their pre-season tour of Austria and Germany, which stupidly started only seven days after post-holiday training began, was a complete disaster ... heavy defeats in all five matches. The German sporting press was staggered at Seville's insipid football and asked in headlines: "What's Happened to Merkel?" ... "Where's that Merkel Magic?"

They are optimistic, however, and President Cisneros and Merkel are talking about new trophies on the club shelves. What trophies? Certainly not the Championship ... or the Fairs Cup.

As usual Barcelona have been the big spenders ... £108,000 (a Spanish record) for Elche's Asensi and £50,000 for Duenas of Rayo Vallecano. But money, as Barcelona well know from past experience, doesn't always bring success.

Ceremony

Asensi reported for the intensive three months period of his military service immediately the season ended. Two days before the passing out ceremony (and his return to football) he slipped in the regimental kitchen and broke a bone in his ankle. Medicos say he'll be out for at least two months. Naturally this created a wave of disappointment ... with newspapers (not the club) demanding military service exemption for star footballers!

Despite this setback I have a sneaking regard for Barcelona's chances this season. In three months Vic Buckingham triumphed where ten other managers failed. He reorganised a shattered side into a tough, but powerful combination that won only one away match, yet finished just seven points behind the title winners. Had he taken over three months earlier they would surely have won the Championship.

Yes, it could be Barcelona's year ... if players and board keep their minds on winning league points instead of political points.

The mystery side this winter will be Valencia. Near the bottom during the early weeks last season, they revived miraculously after the arrival of general manager Salvador Artigas (team manager Enrique Buque), finishing with 35 points, equal third with Barcelona, Seville and Real Madrid ... and reached the final of the Spanish Cup. Then by way of thanks ... they turfed out their

Twenty-year-old Juan Asensi, Barcelona's Spanish record signing ... £108,000 from Elche.

NORMAN CUTLER from Spain

successful technicians and appointed Alfredo Di Stefano as manager.

In spite of "Stefs" brilliant triumph with Boca Juniors, everyone remembers his fiasco with Elche and are not prepared to forecast. There is one thing, however ... Di Stefano's change of character during the last 18 months—he's human, approachable, friendly, even talkative nowadays. Maybe that will be the answer.

The club released the long-serving and famous Guillot and Waldo ... and incorporated seven from their affiliated club Mestalla. But it seems that "Stef" is relying on new winger, Oscar Valdes, signed from Atletico Platense (Argentine) ... how the new regulation was bent, I don't know.

Valencia is riding high in enthusiasm, in spite of unimpressive pre-season results. But everything depends upon whether Di Stefano is as good as his spell with Boca Juniors suggested. Personally I have my doubts.

Zaragoza have lost their popular manager, Hector Rial, who rebuilt a relegation side into Cup semi-finalists. The new manager is Jose Maria Martin from Coruna ... and their big close season signing, Luis Costa from Real Mallorca. The two Madrids, Seville, Elche and Valencia, all wanted Costa, one-time Real Madrid juvenile winger. Zaragoza succeeded because they offered a big fee and two players the island side particularly wanted.

We can count out Zaragoza ... this season anyway.

Real Sociedad ... still no arrivals or departures (that's three seasons) but with a new team manager, Segurola, working under Kubala's right-hand man, Andoni Elizondo. They are a good bet to finish in their usual sixth or seventh position.

The rest of last season's also rans ... Sabadell, Las Palmas, Celta and Granada, all of whom were dramatically involved in the relegation struggle ... will still be also rans. Except for Las Palmas they are drab and uninspiring.

Resisted

Of the promoted teams the Second Division champions, Real Gijon, are "the team most likely to succeed" ... Espanol (back in one season) are still financially shaky and rebuilding under difficulties ... and "Yo Yo" Malaga (promoted five times in ten years) certainly have the ability to hold a senior division place at last, especially having resisted fantastic offers for their versatile Argentine star, Sebastian Viberti.

That leaves Real Madrid. All is well, calm and confident at Estadio Bernabeu. Last season's sixth position (their lowest for 20 years) is written off as experience. Manager Miguel Munoz says he fears no side, but has respect for Barcelona and Atletico Bilbao. I only hope that he, and the players, will get a fair deal from the Madrid Press this season, whose behaviour, when things were going wrong last winter, was appalling.

Luis Costa, Zaragoza's newcomer from Real Mallorca. Price: £20,000 and two players.

There will be few changes in the side ... even the new signings (Ballester and Ortuño) may find themselves on the sidelines. The front line with Pirri at No. 8 (what a difference since he moved forward) and Amancio in his natural outside-right position, is as good as any in Europe. Grande's new middle-line partnership with Zoco is constructive and dominant ... and the bringing together of Jose Luis (sensation of Real's Cup matches), Benito and the veteran Sanchis as a rear line, is the silver lining that emerged from the unprecedented defence injuries of last season.

We may see less of Gento in this campaign and more of Bueno, the eternal reserve, who has been waiting for a real chance for 11 years.

So what have we? Barcelona ... Real Madrid ... and Atletico Bilbao ... in that order.

The Second Division? Six sides will be battling for the four promotion places ... and I don't think we need look further than Betis, Cordoba, Coruna and Real Mallorca. The comparatively unknown Calvo Sotelo and the former Atletico Madrid nursery club, Rayo Vallecano, will be the only threats to the obvious pacemakers.

INCREASED FIRST DIVISION COMMENCES

THE new season in France commenced with a first division comprising 20 clubs — two more than last year. Three clubs were promoted from the second division (one to replace FC Rouen who have given up professionalism), namely Nice, Nancy and Stade Reims, one of the best European clubs in the 'fifties.

There were few transfers of French-born players during the close season. Simon went from Bordeaux to Red Star, Betta from Bordeaux to Rennes, Djorkaeff and Joseph left Marseille for Paris-St.

GUY CIPRIANI in France

Germain and Valenciennes respectively.

A number of foreign players arrived during the summer, however. Nice signed Kaltenbrunner and Metzler from Austria. Kaltenbrunner was top scorer in last term's Austrian championship with 23 goals.

Rumanian internationals Voinea and Pircalab joined Nimes, while Wiberg came from Denmark to sign for Nancy. Coluna, the former captain of Benfica, went to Lyon, who also scooped Mihailovic from Partizan.

Galic, from Standard Liege, and Dakic, both Yugoslavs, have gone to Reims, while another Yugoslav, Rakic, has joined Bastia. Klose, a West German, joined Valenciennes.

Marseilles, Bordeaux and Nantes are seen as the clubs most likely to prevent St. Etienne from collecting their fifth successive championship — if that is possible. Nantes, in fact, defeated St. Etienne in the first match of the new campaign.

CAGLIARI ARE FAVOURITES

by Philip Evans

ON one point everyone is agreed. Cagliari are the favourites for the forthcoming season, they are the team with proven players, they will throughout the year be the team to beat. Cagliari are also the only major Italian club side not to make significant changes in formation. The two facts are not unconnected.

Given the pressures, the insistent search for success to the exclusion of all other factors, that governs the Italian club game, the task of managers in the month or so before the league season starts is far from easy. Somehow—often with the wrong personnel—they have to convert the pedestrian into the victorious, blending new signings into given formations, perhaps even starting from scratch. If it is tempting to see the Italian brand of change as a cousin to hysteria, the fact remains that almost all the clubs are desperately searching for the right formula, and pre-season games have provided material for an orgy of speculation.

It is in the midfield positions that most clubs have concentrated their tactical thinking. Tomasini is recovered from injury, De Petri is a proven defender of some class, and Cagliari can be expected to return to their normal formation, with Cera back at the front—rather than at the back—of the defence.

Other clubs have not had it so good, but are expecting great things. Milan have bought Benetti from Sampdoria, Biasiolo from Vicenza. The former especially could prove to be one of the stars of the coming year, a player of genuine attacking instincts with enough close control and insight into midfield complexities to make a firm mark in the tournament. With the possibility of another season in which Prati and Combin cannot provide enough venom in the attack, Benetti could also emerge as Milan's top goal-scorer.

Juventus have four good midfield players for three midfield positions—Haller, Furino, Capello and Cuccureddu. Furino is being tried at full-back again and Juve have two options. They will play Furino as the third midfield player if the defence proves suspect, Haller if the defensive line can hold its own.

Inter may suffer from a duality of styles with both Corso and Frustalupi in their team. Both are essentially runners with the ball rather than deep-lying providers. And with Bertini always eager to attack and Mazzola pushed forward, Inter may yet rue Suarez's passing to Sampdoria.

Suarez and Lodetti appeared to have settled well at Samp. They are fundamentally complementary in style, Lodetti the hard worker, Suarez the schemer. In the circumstances it is tragic that the Genoese club have no gifted strikers to capitalise from the midfield pressure they are likely to impose upon their rivals. Much is expected of Spadetto. But much was expected of Spadetto a year ago when he moved to Bari, and he failed.

Napoli look interesting. They play a forward line that includes Hamrin, Sormani, Altafini and Juliano. Juliano and Bianchi will look after the midfield, with Sormani and Altafini coming from deep positions to score their goals. But nothing would give greater pleasure to many people than to see Hamrin fit and on the goalpath again.

Tactician

Helenio Herrera is convinced that he can get the best out of Roberto Vieri, the young inside-forward who left Sampdoria for Juventus a year ago, and spent the next 12 months very much out of sorts. Vieri can be quite excellent when he wants to be so and Herrera's main problem with him is a psychological one. He also has Del Sol, ageing, but still a wily tactician in the middle of the field. And another luminary of yesterday is Rizzo, who has joined Bologna after two unhappy years with Fiorentina. Both Rizzo and Bulgarelli were stars of the twilight period before the 1966 World Cup finals, and Fabbri — who admired both then — must hope that together they will be able to give Bologna more stability in midfield.

Many of the leading marksmen have also changed clubs. The transfer of Vitali to Fiorentina should take some of the pressure off Chiarugi who can be expected to run in a few goals. Bui goes from Verona to Torino; Amarildo from Fiorentina to Roma; Sormani from Milan to Napoli; Maraschi from Fiorentina to Vicenza; Fausto Landini from Roma to Juventus; Pellizzaro from Palermo to Inter.

It is dangerous to make predictions at this stage, but of the three newcomers to the division perhaps only Varese will manage to survive for more than the year. Catania have Fogli, the old Bologna schemer, and Foggia have acquired the services of Montefusco from Napoli. But both clubs have a wealth of inexperience, a bevy of pedestrian players.

And I wonder whether Lanerossi Vicenza will get through the season without difficulty. They have lost Vitali, De Petri and Biasiolo during the close season—their three star players in an otherwise unsteady team. Puricelli has his work cut out to prevent demotion.

Amarildo, transferred from Fiorentina to Roma.

In the *Serie B*, the fight—as always is open. Perhaps Atalanta, perhaps Monza are teams to watch. But attendances and revenues are ever decreasing, wild suggestions are being made as to the best method of stopping the rot. The fact is that many of the teams in the division cannot afford to pay the running costs, are up to the hilt in loans and mortgages. The occasional golden egg is laid, when young players are sold to prestige clubs, but survival on a policy of transference is a dangerous practice.

A final faint tip. Cagliari may be the team to beat, but I wonder whether Fiorentina won't be there or thereabouts when the *scudetto* is won next spring. They have a balanced team, strong in defence, inventive in midfield, with two class strikers in Chiarugi and Vitali.

And I wonder also whether there hasn't been a large smoke-screen put up concerning the youthfulness of the Juventus team, all this talk about building for the future. Italian clubs simply don't think that way. They want immediate results. And Picchi for one won't be content with anything but first place.

One goal decides

ERIC WEIL reports from ARGENTINA

INDEPENDIENTE won the Metropolitan First Division Football Championship by beating neighbours, Racing, 3-2 away on the last day. As a result, they drew level on points with River Plate at the top of the table, but took the title because they scored one more goal during the championship—43 to River's 42. The all-important goal was scored by Yazalde nine minutes from the final whistle.

River Plate had also been runners-up in both the Metropolitan and National Championships last year and, in fact, since last winning the First Division title in 1957, they have had to be content with second place nine times. River had beaten Union de Santa Fe 6-0 in their last game, but once again it just wasn't enough.

The top 12 teams automatically entered the national championship scheduled to start August 30. These are Independiente, River Plate, San Lorenzo, Boca Juniors, Newell's Old Boys, Platense, Atlanta, Banfield, Gimnasia y Esgrima de La Plata, Velez Sarsfield, Racing and Rosario Central.

For Estudiantes de La Plata, South American Cup holders for the last three years, it was just one goal which made the difference between their getting another chance for a place in the "national" and having to play in the relegation play-off. By virtue of that extra goal they finished 16th and got in, together with Chacarita Juniors, via a four-team play-off. Six provincial teams made up the 20 which was split in two sections.

Outstanding

There were several curious points about this Metropolitan. Independiente topped the table from start to finish, yet only won the title with a goal scored in the final minutes. In spite of their being constantly at the top, the fight for the title was close and there was no really outstanding team. The difference between the big and small clubs seems to have virtually disappeared.

Even Independiente showed lack of organisation at the time they had a comfortable lead. Their attack was undoubtedly the best in the tournament, but it was often disconnected with the rest of the team and their play lacked continuity.

In defence such stalwarts as Pastoriza, Raimondo and even Pavoni, lost form at vital moments and goalkeeper Santoro—one of the few remaining from the 1964 and 1965 South American Cup triumphs—was the only one consistently outstanding in defence. When Independiente got only one point from their four games previous to the last one, it looked as if they had "had it". After the next to last game, which they lost 3-2 at home to Platense, Independiente fans even broke into the dressing room to attack their own players. This didn't stop the rot, because in Racing, who barely got into the "national", Independiente had little to beat.

With River Plate it was the other way round. They improved after a poor start, particularly after going out of the South American Cup, but they weren't an outstanding team either. With no apparent policy or technique, they rarely put up a good team performance and relied heavily on insider Daniel Onega as organiser and winger Oscar Mas for goals.

Sharing third place, two points from the top—Newell's Old Boys were the revelation of the season because they are a small club which had never been so close to the title, but not because they were a good team; Boca Juniors, last year's wonder team which felt the absence due to injury, of Peruvian defender Melendez and coach Di Stefano and only rarely showed last year's form; San Lorenzo, who ended with a 12-game unbeaten run during which they scored plenty of goals, which made them bright prospects for the national championship—if they can bridge the one-month gap between the two tournaments which was too much for them in 1968 (when they lost form after easily winning the "Metro").

Other outstanding points:

Coaches Manuel Giudice (Independiente) and Angel Labruna (River Plate) both parted company with their clubs in spite of success; the former because he wanted to and the latter because he didn't get on with players and club officials.

These are two more cases in a long and curious line. Giudice is leaving Independiente for the second time. Last time it was after taking them to the 1963 league title and South American Cup wins the following two years. Later he also left Velez Sarsfield after taking them to the 1968 National Championship, while Osvaldo Brandau left Independiente right after their 1967 national championship win. Last season, of course, Alfredo Di Stefano left Boca Juniors after taking them to the national championship. Usually it's the unsuccessful coaches that go.

More goals were scored this season—an average of 2.57 per game—which made the football more interesting, but technically it was poor. Penalty takers were also more effective. Of 88 awarded, 72 were converted.

Discipline was a bit better, following the general tendency after last year's Estudiantes-Milan debacle and because now offenders are no longer fined as a substitute to suspension. A total of 45 players were sent off. The clubs with most players to go were Estudiantes, Union and Argentinos Juniors with five each.

Leading scorers were Mas (River Plate) 16, Obberti (Newell's O.B.) and Tarabini (Independiente) 14.

Boca Juniors' popularity was again shown by their topping the gate receipts table in spite of their rarely having a chance of the title. Champions, Independiente, were runners-up.

As the Metropolitan Championship ended . . .

Ubaldo Rattin, Boca Juniors centre-half who hit the headlines when he was sent off in the England-Argentina World Cup game at Wembley in 1966, announced his retirement from playing at the end of the season. After 15 years in the First Division, he broke his club's appearance record with 352 games this season.

CA Independiente: Standing left to right: Menges, De la Mata, Garisto, Mircelli, Pavoni. Kneeling: Santoro, Bernao, Pastoriza, Yazalde, Adorno, Tarabini.

ISMAILI PROGRESS

WHAT the Europeans and the South Americans proudly advertise as the "world club championship" is referred to by the African press as that "friendly match between the European and South American Cup Winners". For in Africa, there is bitter resentment that no true world championship exists, or is even in prospect.

Not long ago the Monaco conference, the Round Table of Football, gave enthusiastic support to the idea of a world championship embracing the clubs of Europe, South America, Central America, Asia and Africa. But when the idea reached UEFA, it was quietly shelved, on the grounds that financially it was impossible. And the recent South American congress endorsed the European view that "as African clubs had no chance of winning such a competition, there was little point in their participation, even in the unlikely event of them meeting the necessary guarantees".

All this has left the Africans quietly seething, and determined to force the issue to a vote at the next FIFA congress. Even if they cannot achieve their object, they want the so-called "world championship" scaled down to its true status.

Certainly the African champions cup is now as well organised and stable as its European counterpart, even with the political divisions that make it impossible, if not downright undesirable, for South Africa, Rhodesia and the Portuguese colonies to compete.

This year 27 countries entered their champion sides, playing home and away ties on the European system—but divided into small geographical zones in the rounds prior to the quarter-finals, to avoid travelling enormous distances. The semi-finals have to be completed before the 15th of this month and the final is scheduled for December 20.

Favourites for the competition are the holders, Ismaili Sporting Club of the United Arab Republic, more precisely Egypt, especially after beating the Sudanese champions, Al Hilal, over two hard-fought legs. In Cairo Ismaili won 1-0 with a goal scored from a corner, and eight days later they held Al Hilal to a goalless draw in Khartoum. Ismaili's coach, Ali Osman, may have sacrificed artistry for resolution, but his team is superbly well organised in defence.

Challengers

There's a familiar name among Ismaili's challengers, Engelbert of Congo-Kinshasha, competing for the fourth consecutive year. With seven international players—Bwanga, Kalonzo, Katumba, Kazadi, Mukombo, Saidi and Tshinabu—Engelbert must have a chance of winning the cup outright, as they have already been African champions on two occasions. However, Engelbert, who come from Lubumbashi, qualified last season only on the designation of their FA, because the final tournament in their league championship never got under way.

In fact, Engelbert have not won their national title since 1967, and might find the Togo side Lome unexpectedly obstinate opponents—especially if Lome's fine centre-forward Boevi Lawson is in form.

Stade Abidjan, the Ivory Coast champions, have proved in the past that they can be a force in Africa, and their progress to the quarter-finals this year has been efficient if not spectacular. Organised by the energetic Konan Julien, their team has two newcomers, Janvier and Peter, both clever, energetic players. But they have a tough quarter-final match against the Mali champions Conakry, with their three internationals, Mourlay, Ndongo and Diallo.

The fourth quarter-final brings together Young Africans FC of Tanzania and Asante Kotoko of Kumasi. The clubs met in the competition last year, and after two 1-1 draws, Young Africans won the toss.

If the Ghanaians have the outstanding player in either team, Osei Kofi, on past form, Kotoko look the more experienced side, as they are playing in the African Cup for the fourth time in four years.

But they had a traumatic encounter in the previous round against Nigeria's Stationery Stores, who seem to get into trouble every year. The Nigerian champions won 2-1 in Lagos, but walked off the field in the return leg when the Ugandan referee awarded Kotoko a (successful) penalty. Although the scores were level, the organising committee awarded Kotoko the tie by default.

Football seems a highly sensitive area in African politics, so much so that a Ugandan was fined for dubbing the match between Somalia's Lavori Publici and the local club Prison's as "Lunatics v. Convicts". Which makes it all the more surprising that the African league champions continue to compete for the N'kuame Nkrumah cup. Liberia will have to win it, of course, before Ghana's ex-deity can present it personally.

The African Clubs' Cup

Preliminary Round			First round			Second Round	QF
Ismaili (Egypt), a bye			Ismaili	1	0		
Al Hilal (Sudan), a bye			Al Hilal	0	0	Ismaili	
Tel Asmara (Ethiopia), a bye							
Lavori Publici (Somalia)	2	2	Asmara	2	2	Prison's*	
Prison's (Uganda)	1	4	Prison's	3	1		
USF (Madagascar)	0	2	Young Afr.	0	0		
Young Africans (Tanzania)	4	4	Nakuru	0	0	Young Africans†	
Nakuru All Stars (Kenya), a bye							
Kotoko (Ghana), a bye							
FAD (Dahomey)	1	2	Kotoko	1	1	Kotoko§	
Stationery Stores (Nigeria)	3	3	Stationery	2	0		
Conakry I (Guinea), a bye			Conakry	3	1		
CR Belcourt (Algeria)	5	ser.	Jeanne d'Arc	1	2	Conakry	
Jeanne d'Arc (Senegal)	3	w/o					
ASFV (Upper Volta)	2	0					
Real de Bamaka (Mali)	2	3	Bamako	2	0	Abidjan	
Stade Abidjan (Ivory Coast), a bye			Abidjan	3	2		
CARA (Congo-Brazzaville)	0	2	CARA	0	2		
Aigle Royal (Gabon)	3	3	Engelbert	3	2	Engelbert	
Engelbert (Congo-Kinshasha), a bye							
La Modèle de Lome (Togo), a bye							
Secteur Six (Niger)	0	1	Lome	0	1	Lome†	
Union Douala (Cameroon)	2	1	Douala	0	1		

** won on away goals rule; † won on toss; § second leg abandoned; Kotoko w/o; scr. scratched; w/o walkover; read results downwards*

ROGER MACDONALD reviews the African scene

Morocco will meet Algeria

DOWN to earth for Morocco, who after coming within a hairsbreadth of beating West Germany in the World Cup, now must look to the African Nations Cup to maintain their prestige. They have difficult opposition in the first round against Algeria, who eliminated the Moroccans two years ago in the same competition, winning 2-0 at Algiers and holding Morocco to 0-1 in the return at Agadir.

Under their coach, Ben Tifour, Algeria have played enterprising football, as recent results in friendly matches confirm. They have beaten the French Under-23 side 3-1, the French champions Saint Etienne by the same score, and Tunisia 1-0 when both countries were on tour in Czechoslovakia.

Scheduled

Algeria and Morocco are still at loggerheads over the dates for the two matches, which have to be completed on or before November 30. Algeria wanted to play them in August, but the main stadium at Casablanca has been scheduled for re-turfing, and Morocco prefer to play this month. If the countries cannot agree, the African federation will have to fix the dates themselves.

When they do play, Morocco should win, provided they can field their strongest team. Several countries cast greedy eyes on their players during the World Cup, and Monaco have approached Oujda about their international half-back Filali.

SENEGAL may have to play in the Nations Cup without two of their leading internationals, Fara and Seck. Fara, full name Francois Gomis Fara, plays on the wing for the Senegal champions, Jean d'Arc of Dakar; Saliou Seck, is a solid defender from Dakar's Jaray club. Both will spend some time at the Delafosse College in France this year, where normal academic work is combined with an extensive training course.

Blending

CAMEROONS have engaged a new coach, Peter Schnittger, recommended to them by the German FA. He has started to rejuvenate the national side, blending experienced internationals like Onguene, Atangana and Egoue with three newcomers, Toto, Atissi and Lea.

GABON took on Cameroons in home and away matches recently. Cameroons won 3-0 at Douala, but Gabon played much better in the second match at Yaounde, drawing 1-1. Three of their players were outstanding: goalkeeper Ayoume, Mboungani and Avera.

CONGO-BRAZZAVILLE have set up a training camp in the wilds for their 20 best players, and intend to take them to Rome and West Berlin on a European tour.

IVORY COAST began their preparation for the Nations Cup (in which they play Gabon) with a friendly against Guinea at Abidjan, which they won with surprising difficulty, by three goals to two.

UGANDA have been on tour in Germany, their party including six of the side that took part in the finals of the last African championship—Massaje, their brilliant goalkeeper; Okech, captain and centre-half; Dibya, Waswa, Denis and Ouma of the forwards. But much may depend on whether their outstanding wing-half Baraza recovers from injury.

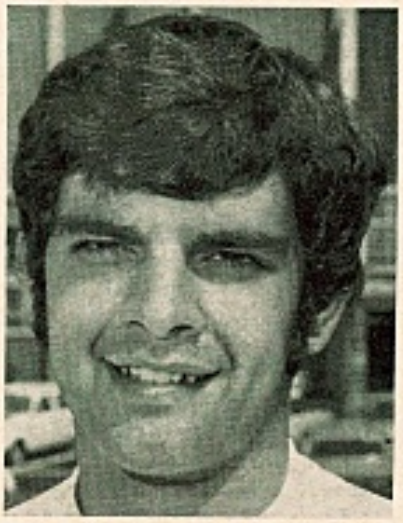
LEEDS MARCH ON

LEEDS UNITED, so unlucky in English football last season, began the new campaign as though they intended making sure of the League championship by Christmas!

Among their early successes was a 3-2 victory over defending champions Everton at Elland Road—a victory that once again illustrated the supreme skills of Billy Bremner. It was this tigerish wizard who slotted home two opportunist goals in the second-half to turn the tide in Leeds' favour.

Another player to particularly impress during the opening matches was Mick Bates, brought into the side to replace the injured Johnny Giles. It is never easy to substitute such a vital cog as Giles but Bates did an admirable job and showed himself to be an enviable prospect.

Leeds lost their first match of the season to Sheffield United in the Football League Cup but one wonders whether they were unduly bothered. No doubt they would have liked to progress but they know better than any club the rigours involved when going for more than one title at the season's climax.



Mick Bates, brought into the Leeds United team to replace Johnny Giles.

ANDREW DETTRE

has recently returned to his Australian base after a tour of South East Asia. This is his report . . .

Asia suffers from cup glut

IT'S impossible to travel in South-East Asia without constantly seeing evidence of soccer's colossal growth. In between rice paddies, in the shadows of ancient pagodas, along the banks of irrigation canals or in the backyards of new urban settlement skyscrapers, soccer is ever present.

This immense popularity of the game, while a most encouraging sign, also begins to create problems. One of them is what Japan's chief national coach Shun-ichiro Okano aptly calls the "Cup glut".

Some 13 years ago Malaysia launched the annual Merdeka (Independence) Tournament; this is regarded as the starting point in Asian international cup football.

Now, in addition, they have the annual King's Cup in Thailand and the newly mooted Djakarta Tournament in Indonesia. South Korea and the Philippines have both announced tentative plans to start an annual President's Cup, Pakistan wants to promote a yearly Aga Khan Cup and even Singapore is climbing on the bandwaggon with plans for an annual post-Merdeka tourney. Significantly, Japan has stayed clear of this epidemic; all they do is arrange a four-team "special" every March, by invitation.

Curtail

Okano feels that this proliferation of annual international events in Asia is apt to lead to chaos.

"Unless you curtail or downgrade your own domestic programme, there's just no way of entering in all these tournaments," he told me in Tokyo recently. "Another grave problem is that all Asian players are amateurs (Hong Kong is an exception) and how can they take months off from work just to play soccer?"

The only ones who may not suffer any such hardship are the South Koreans who have no domestic championship at all and where the national team, all incorporated in the country's vast 600,000-strong army, eats, drinks and sleeps soccer 24 hours a day, clearly trying to emulate their northern brothers.

However, one has the feeling that Japan is the focal point of Asian soccer despite the fact that it is the only Asian country where the game is a minnow compared to another sport, baseball. But if soccer really takes off in Japan, the Asian game is bound to improve very rapidly.

Yet Japan, despite the kindly advice of Sir Stanley Rous to the contrary, is adamant to stay amateur for a good while yet. And with a good reason, too.

As an amateur organisation, they are part of the all-powerful and government subsidised Japan Amateur Sports Association, together with 37 other sports. This status, apart from a modest annual grant, also gives Japanese soccer free premises in the splendid Kishi Memorial Building, in the neighbourhood of the Olympic swimming pool—not to mention the advantage of being a member of a large and cosy amateur family.

"If we turn professional, we will have to compete against the world's best," Okano told me. "And there, Japan is bound to get some massive hidings. This wouldn't worry me—but it would discourage our youngsters and could impede the game's development at grassroot level.

"Also, a break with the JASA would undoubtedly see our departure from this body. This happened to pro baseball. They were strong enough to stand on their own feet—but we aren't. So, for the time being, we concentrate on amateur soccer with the Olympics the main target. I am not saying that Japan will never have pro or semi-pro soccer—but not for many years yet."

How amateur is an amateur in Japan? This I found impossible to fathom. A long discussion with many officials, including the famous Yanmar Diesel club of Osaka as well as an interview with their world-rated star, Kamamoto, proved inconclusive.

They claim that none of their players in the five senior teams at Yanmar get one yen for playing soccer; neither does their coach, Kamo. All are employed by the huge Yan-

Mitsuo Kamata, 32-year-old Furukawa FC defender and former captain of Japan, exchanges penants with the skipper of the touring Middlesex Wanderers side.

Estudiantes sportsmanship was no surprise in Argentina

IF in Europe there was almost consternation at Estudiantes' startling sportsmanship in the first leg of the World Club Championship, to Argentinians it came as little surprise. Although, as far as domestic football is concerned, the suspensions passed on three Estudiantes players have now been lifted, the Argentinian FA have made it clear that they will not tolerate further disorder. A new regulation permits them to suspend for from one to five years any footballer whose conduct is "derogatory to the national culture and damages the prestige of Argentinian sport".

One of Belgium's most famous clubs, Daring, have just celebrated their 75th anniversary with two friendly matches, against Standard Liege (whom they beat 1-0) and Cologne (with whom they drew 2-2). Daring will be making a special effort to win promotion from the Second Division this season, and they are certainly not lacking in experience—with Czech centre-half Horvath and Belgian international goalkeeper Nicolay at the head of things. In fact Daring must go up to survive, because the four other Brussels club — Anderlecht, Crossing, Sainte-Gilloise and Racing White—all play in the First Division and draw the crowds.

Explanation

German Footballer of the Year for the third time, Uwe Seeler, recently gave an explanation of how he could command such energy at the age of 34—how, in Mexico, he was still running when the younger members of his team were out on their feet. "You might say it's in the blood. My family has always been tough. You may think I do well to stay in First Division football at 34, but that's nothing in our family. My father played for Hamburg in the First Division at 37, and in one match against Brunswick he played for 80 minutes with a broken arm. So, you see, he wouldn't be at all impressed by my longevity."

Benfica's manager, Jimmy Hagan, has had a difficult start to the season—even before a competitive match had been played. On tour in Mozambique Eusebio disobeyed orders and stayed away from the club's hotel for several nights, visiting friends from his schooldays. Hagan threatened to suspend him on his return to Lisbon and has already exacted a substantial fine.

Benfica were close to signing Nene, the exciting young half-back of Academica, when Nene was killed in a disastrous road accident. Driving from the seaside resort of Figueira da Foz back to Coimbra, he had a head-on collision with a fish lorry. Nene was taken to hospital, where a team of eight doctors fought to save his life with an emergency operation ... in vain, as he died at midnight on the same day.

The news came as a blow to Real Madrid, rivals for his signature; for Nene, born in Madrid of Spanish-Portuguese parents, was eligible to play in Spanish football.

mar works and all are proud to play for the company's First Division team for nothing. The only thing Yanmar provides is gear and training ground—but there is no under-counter payment, no broken-time payment—and not even time off from work.

Admission

If this is all true, the Japanese stars are either super-patriots or starry-eyed innocents. Yanmar draws an average of 10,000 spectators to their home matches with a 50c. admission charge. So who gets a cut from the $5,000 gate receipts? A shoulder is shrugged, some blank eyes stare at me; nobody gets a cut, they say. The money is reinvested in soccer. And Kamamoto, who could easily command a weekly $300 or more anywhere in the world, silently and sadly nods his agreement.

It is somewhat easier to believe in the existing or claimed amateurism in other Asian countries like Malaysia, Thailand and Taiwan. In these countries, despite their occasional successes in regional tourneys, the game is run by amateur officials at a modest level. Thailand, for example, has only 20,000 registered players attached to 106 clubs, almost all in the capital Bangkok. Yet they have a national stadium, in the heart of a huge sports complex, that would make any Australian's mouth water with envy.

Bangkok is the venue of the annual King's Cup, held in November in the "cool" autumn of 70 deg.; it will also stage its second Asian Games in December. And all this in a country with a fairly small sports organisation and very limited number of active participants.

Malaysia is a different story—a success story at that. Some 19 years ago they elected a new president for their Malaysian FA, an obscure public prosecutor by the name of Tunku Abdul Rahman, a soccer fanatic who, in his college days, used to play the game in England.

A few years later the Tunku became Malaysia's Prime Minister—and he still is. With his high patronage soccer has developed and flourished, like art did in the courts of medieval Europe. Kuala Lumpur's modern Merdeka Stadium, the FAM's own five-storey building and even their new Japanese car were all acquired thanks to the Tunku's interest in soccer.

Figure-head

I am glad to say, he is no mere figure-head either; he can be seen at every international match in the stadium and once or twice a week he spends a coffee-sipping afternoon with FAM secretary Kwok Kin Keng, talking soccer.

And such healthy interest at high places always augurs well for the game in an Asian country.

In Australia, it's somewhat different. Prime Minister John Gorton, despite his Oxford days, probably doesn't even know that soccer is being played in his country; and if he knows, he doesn't give a hoot.

Last December he was cordially invited to the Australia v. Israel World Cup match in Sydney—but declined.

In Kuala Lumpur, the game wouldn't have even started without the Tunku sitting in his plush VIP box....

Kamamoto of Yanmar Diesel FC of Osaka, who won the Emperor Cup last year defeating Mitsubishi FC 1–0. The goal was scored by Kamamoto.

FLOOD GATES OPEN—ANNUALS POUR IN . . .

The Manchester United Football Book No. 5 (Stanley Paul, 18s.), edited by David Meek.

A vastly increased number of clubs are featured in publications of this nature these days but the Manchester United edition was among the forerunners. The format is an established one and no doubt United followers will rush to buy it. To those with a particular interest in the club it represents a worthwhile outlay. The same can be said about the other books in the Stanley Paul series. They are:

The Manchester City Football Book No. 2, edited by Peter Gardner.

The Liverpool Football Book, edited by Derek Hodgson.

The Tottenham Hotspur Football Book No. 4, edited by Denis Signy.

The Everton Football Book, edited by Derek Hodgson.

The West Ham United Football Book No. 3, edited by Dennis Irving.

The Newcastle United FC Story No. 2 by John Gibson is also published by **Stanley Paul** and sells at 30s.

The usual flood of annuals is upon us. Recent arrivals include:

International Football Book No. 12 (Souvenir Press, 16s.), edited by Stratton Smith.

I have always found this particular annual a cut above the majority; probably because of its international flavour. Gerd Muller, Pietro Anastasi, Dragan Dzajic and Tostao are among this year's contributors.

The Scottish Football Book No. 16 (Stanley Paul, 18s.), edited by Hugh Taylor.

Scottish fans will discover plenty to interest them in the latest edition of the Scottish Football Book.

Football World '71 is a newcomer to the bookstalls. Published by **Lutterworth Press**, it is edited by **Roy Pickard** and sells at 16s. It includes features on the World Cup plus focuses on a number of players; George Best, Allan Clarke, Neil Young, John Radford and Peter Osgood among them.

Pelham Books again publish their regional annuals. **The Midland Soccer Annual** sells at 16s., as do the **Northern Soccer Annual** and the **London Soccer Annual.**

Bobby Charlton's Book of European Football No. 2 (Souvenir Press, 16s.) includes foreign contributors in the shape of Florian Albert, Ove Kindvall and Wolfgang Overath.

Also published this month are:

The Championship in My Keeping (Souvenir Press, 25s.) by Gordon West.

Soccer Stars of Today (Pelham Books, 30s.), edited by Reg Hayter.

Goals Are My Business (Pelham Books, 30s.), by Allan Clarke.

A Century of Great Soccer Drama (Rupert Hart-Davies, 30s.) by John Cottrell.

Reviews of these books will appear next month.

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Roger Macdonald writes . . .

One of the best-remembered and most popular foreigners ever to play in the Football League, Nils Middelboe of Denmark, has just written a book in English on the game, called **Common Sense about Soccer.** Published by London's **Eastern Press,** it is being presented free to some 2,500 schools in England. Basically a textbook for schoolboys, it has the virtue of explaining techniques and tactics simply and clearly, which is exceptional in books of this kind.

Middelboe says that the book is first and foremost a token of appreciation of England's help in promoting sport in Denmark. Certainly he is in a unique position to judge, having played at the highest level in both countries during the course of his career.

Middelboe was centre-half and captain of Denmark's Olympic football team beaten in the final by England at Stockholm in 1912. The following year he came to work in England, and was signed by Chelsea as an amateur. He had nine years' experience in league football from 1913 to 1922, becoming Chelsea's captain. Middelboe remembered that "As an amateur I actually robbed a professional of his place in the team, which I doubt would have been possible in other walks of life."

Eventually the strain of combining first-class football with a career in banking became too great, and Middelboe settled for the less arduous ranks of the Casuals, an amateur side he captained up to the age of 40. But he remembers with the greatest pleasure his stay with Chelsea, and the silver cigarette box given to him by the players with the inscription "To Nils Middelboe —one of the best". Which, of course, he was.

FANS APATHETIC

from STELLAN DANIELSSON in Mexico

THE first half of the second part of the Mexican league "Campeonato 70" tournament has just been completed. Sounds complicated? Well, that's just what Mexican football has been like in this World Cup year. Concentrating all their efforts on organising an outstanding World Championship, little energy was left to take care of the internal soccer programme, and for this reason everyone concerned is now straining himself trying to save what has all along looked like a very poor substitute for the genuine national league championship.

Starting three weeks after, and in the shadow of, the Jules Rimet Cup "Campeonato 70" has been plagued with poor gates since the first game. It is not difficult to understand that a fan who is generally apathetic, and besides spoiled by too much TV coverage of league games and the recent World Cup, will not go to games without any real importance.

Admittedly, a winner is to be crowned and a last place finisher is to contest relegation, but few fans seem to be really concerned or excited. Not helping things much either is the fact that championship group leader Cruz Azul started off the final run by winning their first six games in a row leaving their closest rival five points behind. In the relegation group, possible interest was equally dismissed as last placed Oro still after seven rounds refuses to win a game and with only one point so far they are six behind their nearest opponent.

Interest

For Cruz Azul, on their new-found road towards glory, their first major obstacle came in round seven when they were forced to taste the bitter taste of defeat at the hands of State of Hidalgo rival Pachuca. The Pachuca "Rodents", a team that seldom gives away even a single point at their difficult to play Estadio Revolucion Mexicana, put new interest into the championship race by stopping Cruz Azul 3-1.

As for Oro things may not be as bad as they look. A veteran of several relegation struggles, only last season they evaded Division II by defeating Nuevo León in a three game play-off If Oro don't manage to get out of last place, which they probably won't even though they have just "reinforced" their player staff with two Spaniards from Real Valladolid, they will still have a chance to remain truthful to Mexican major league soccer by triumphing over Laguna, last at end of the regular season, in the relegation play-off model 1970.

Already having decided their championship, Zacatepec will be promoted to Division I for the 1970-71 season and San Luis Potosi will be newcomers to the Second Division next season, both the Mexican Second and Third Divisions are, like their big brother, involved in more or less meaningless extra-official tournaments. The lower divisions are, however, using the extra tournament opportunity to institute and experiment with new ways to run league soccer.

Contested

In the Second Division no draws are allowed. If at the end of a game the two teams are tied extra time will be added with two halves of 15 minutes. If still after the extra time neither side has decided the match to its favour, penalty shots will be contested between the two teams. Since the new system has been in use scores like the one between Tepic and Ciudad Victoria (10-9) have not been unusual.

The Third Division has adopted the system used by the North American Soccer League. This involves awarding six points for victory, three for a draw, and no points for defeat. Moreover, one point is awarded for each of the first three goals a team may score. No team can win more than nine points a game, whether they score three or more goals. On the other hand a side can accumulate various points without having to win or draw a game.

Whether the newly introduced systems have attracted more fans is too early to decide. But to give the interesting ideas a fair chance to prove themselves they should be used in the regular season and not in tournaments where nothing is really at stake. The fans will not let themselves be fooled that easily. Whether the Mexican FA is brave enough to give it a real try is something that we will have to wait and see.

Also in El Salvador, where fans were disgusted with their national team's obvious lack of punch demonstrated in the World Cup, a new rule has been introduced in the hope that more goals shall be scored. To lure fans back to the stadiums no games in the 1970 championship now in progress are allowed to end in goalless draws. If at the end of 90 minutes the score is 0-0 extra time will be added. If still no goals are scored penalty shots will be used to decide a winner. The new rule, however, concerns only goalless draws, and no extra time will be added to a game that ends with the score 1-1 for example.

America of Mexico City. Standing left to right: Del Aguila, Campeon Hernandez, Avila, Loya, Gabriel Nunez, Richojos Perez. Kneeling: Monito Rodriguez, Enrique Borja, Horacio Lopez Salgado, Coco Gomez, Ivo Sodre.

SWISS CELEBRATE 75th ANNIVERSARY

THE Swiss Football Association, now celebrating 75 years of existence, can look back with pride on its contribution to the development of the most popular sport in this country. For a population of six million, the figures of 120,000 registered footballers and 1,200 clubs are considerable and encouraging. So, too, are the average gates of 7,500 per match in the National League—which are superior to most countries with a considerable number of inhabitants.

In addition, the Swiss boast one of the highest goalscoring ratios in Europe—yet, last season the quota of 3.17 goals per game was the lowest here for 24 years! By comparison, the average in the English First Division for the last two years has remained static at 2.62 per match.

Before the start to the 73rd championship the 14 National League "A" clubs completed their customary off-season activities on the transfer market. The newcomers included as usual a number of imported foreign players, some of them past internationals.

Transfers

Here are the most important moves: Ohlhauser (Bayern Munich to Grasshoppers), Olk (Bayern to Aarau), Perusic (1860 Munich to St. Gallen), Reisch (Bruges to Basle), Bernd Dörfel (Eintracht Brunswick to Servette), Hasanagic (Servette to Chaux-de-Fonds), Theunissen (Telstar to Young Boys), Winiger (Zürich to Young Boys), Messerli (Grasshoppers to Lucerne), Baumgartner (Young Boys to Zürich), Signorelli (Grasshoppers to Lugano), Pirmin Stierli (Xamax to Zürich), and Tacchella (Lausanne to Neuchatel/Xam.).

Exactly half the clubs have engaged new managers: Bellinzona (Dr. Alfredo Foni); Biel (Paul Osswald); Fribourg (Friedrich Kominek); Grasshoppers (René Hüssy); Sion (Maurice Meylan); Winterthur (Willy Sommer); Young Boys (Henri Skiba). The division into nationalities is now: Four Swiss, four Germans, three French, one Italian, an Austrian and a Chilean.

Switzerland's record champions are Grasshoppers with 15 titles, followed by Servette (13); Young Boys (10); Lausanne (6); Zürich (5), Basle (4), etc. But the most successful clubs over the past five years have been Zürich with two titles, one second and two third places and Basle three times champions (1967, 1969 and 1970).

For the national side this will be one of their busiest seasons for a long time with no less than seven games scheduled until next May, most of them in the European Championship. The Swiss are in Group III, together with England, Greece and Malta. Their games with England will not take place until next season and have been provisionally arranged for October 13 at home and November 10 in England. This season's fixtures have been confirmed as follows: October 17 v. Italy in Berne; November 15 v. Hungary in Basle; December 16 v. Greece in Athens (ENC); December 20 v. Malta in La Valetta (ENC); April 21 v. Malta in Lucerne (ENC); May 5 v. Poland in Lausanne; May 12 v. Greece in Zürich (ENC).

Manager

The new national manager is 66-year-old Louis Maurer who began his playing career with FC Signal (forerunners of Lausanne). He also performed in France with Hyeres and in North Africa with US Blida. He returned in 1929 and played during five years for Lausanne in goal, but also in the forward line. Subsequently he went back to France but came back after the war and managed Blue Stars, Lausanne, Fribourg, Tournai (Belgium), Olympique Marseille (France), Luxembourg, Tournai again, Zürich, Lugano and recently Bellinzona. He led Zürich to the championship title in 1963, to the "double" in 1966 and also coached Lugano to their Cup victory in 1968.

Maurer, on his own admission, is neither a magician nor a revolutionary but he knows well the mentality of the multilingual Swiss and is fully aware of the club-level differences in outlook and concept of the game between the French—who favour the Latin style—and the German-speaking Swiss, who lean more towards the physical methods as copied from the neighbouring Germans. His first assignment will probably be the toughest, when the team tackles the World Cup finalists Italy in the FA's jubilee game at Berne.

For the moment, however, the main interest centres on the battle for the championship. Can the FC Basle complete a hat-trick of league titles? Up till now only Young Boys managed to win three crowns in succession: 1909–1911 and even four times in a row between 1957 and 1960. Founded in 1893, and the fourth oldest club in this country, Basle boast four league wins (1953, 1967, 1969, 1970) and four Cup victories (1933, 1947, 1963 and 1967, the year of their "double"). The club won three competitions during the so-called "summer-pause", namely, the Alpine Cup, the Watch Cup and the Dreimünster Cup.

Basle are coached by the German Helmut Benthaus who, as player-manager since 1965, led his side to three league triumphs. In that five-year spell the team lost only three home league games! No wonder that they are the best supported team in the land and were watched last term by a record 367,500 spectators in home and away games. They also boast the highest average home gates of 15,800 per match.

The champions opened the campaign quietly by drawing their first two games, both away from home. A 1-1 with Servette in Geneva was followed by a similar result at Lugano. There were several shocks at the start with cup-holders Zürich crashing at home to Lausanne by 5-2, while newly promoted Lucerne defeated Young Boys 3-1 in Berne. These clubs continued to impress the following weekend, each winning by 4-0, Lausanne at home against Winterthur and Lucerne v. Bellinzona. It is, of course, early days yet, but the team to watch could be Servette whose German international Bernd Dörfel has been playing brilliantly and may well become the "man of the season".

EUROPE'S LEADING SCORERS

Austria: Kaltenbrunner (Weiner Sportklub)	22
Belgium: Emmerich (Beerschot)	29
Bulgaria: Jekov (CSKA Sofia)	31
Czech.: Adamec (Spartak Trnava)	16
E. Germany: Skrowny (Chemie Leipzig)	12
Holland: Van der Kuylen (PSV Eindhoven)	26
Luxembourg: Devillet (Spora)	31
Spain: Amancio (Real), Garate & Luis (both Atletico)	16
Portugal: Eusebio (Benfica)	20
France: Revelli (St. Etienne)	28
Italy: Riva (Cagliari)	21
Switzerland: Kunzli (Zurich)	19
Yugoslavia: Bajevic (Velez) and Santrac (OFK)	20
Greece: Antoniadis (Panathinaikos)	25
Hungary: Bene (Ujpest)	27
W. Germany: Muller (Bayern Munich)	38
Rumania: Oblemenco (Univers. Craiova)	19
Russia: Ossanine (Spartak Moscow) Proskourine Kherkhadze (Kutaisi)	16

SEPTEMBER

23—Eire v Poland
27—Hungary v Austria
30—European Cups, first round, second legs

OCTOBER

6—Norway v Hungary (U23)
7—Austria v France
Norway v Hungary (EC)
Czechoslovakia v Finland (EC)
Finland v Czechoslovakia (U23)
8—France v Austria (U23)
10—Holland v Yugoslavia (U23)
Rumania v Finland (EC)
Finland v Rumania (U23)
11—Holland v Yugoslavia (EC)
Malta v Greece (EC)
14—Eire v Sweden (EC)
England v West Germany (U23)
Denmark v Portugal (EC)
Denmark v Portugal (U23)
Luxembourg v Yugoslavia (EC)
Poland v Albania (EC)
Albania v Poland (U23)
17—Switzerland v Italy
West Germany v Turkey (EC)
16—West Germany v Turkey (U23)
21—European Cups, second round, first legs
28—Sweden v Eire (EC)
30—Austria v Italy (EC)

NOVEMBER

1—Italy v Austria (U23)
4—European Cups, second round, second legs
10—East Germany v Holland (U23)
11—Scotland v Denmark (EC)
France v Norway (EC)
Wales v Rumania (EC)*
East Germany v Holland (EC)
Spain v N. Ireland (EC)
12—France v Norway (U23)
15—Belgium v France
Bulgaria v Norway (EC)
Bulgaria v Norway (U23)
Cyprus v Russia (EC)
Luxembourg v East Germany (EC)
Switzerland v Hungary
21—Czechoslovakia v West Germany
25—Belgium v Denmark (EC)

DECEMBER

8—Italy v Eire (EC)
13—Turkey v Albania (EC)
Albania v Turkey (U23)*
20—Malta v Switzerland (EC)

FEBRUARY

2—Albania v West Germany (EC)
3—Malta v England (EC)
Cyprus v N. Ireland (EC)
Belgium v Scotland (EC)
16—Albania v West Germany
17—Belgium v Portugal (EC)
Albania v West Germany (EC)
20—Italy v Spain

MARCH

10—European Cups, quarter finals, first legs
17—Spain v France
Scottish League v Football League
18—France v Spain (U23)
24—European Cups, quarter finals, second legs

APRIL

3—Yugoslavia v Holland (U23)
4—Yugoslavia v Holland (EC)
14—European Cups, semi-finals, first legs
21—England v Greece (EC)
Switzerland v Malta (EC)
N. Ireland v Turkey (EC)
Portugal v Scotland (EC)
24—Turkey v West Germany (U23)*
East Germany v Luxembourg (EC)
Hungary v France (EC)
FA Amateur Cup Final
25—France v Hungary (U23)
Turkey v West Germany (EC)
28—European Cups, semi-finals, second legs

MAY

8—East Germany v Yugoslavia (U23)
FA Cup Final
Scottish Cup Final
9—Eire v Italy (EC)
Cyprus v Spain (EC)
East Germany v Yugoslavia (EC)
12—Switzerland v Greece (EC)
Switzerland v Greece (U23)*
Portugal v Denmark (EC)
Portugal v Denmark (U23)
Albania v Poland (EC)
Poland v Albania (U23)
15—N. Ireland v England (HIC)
Wales v Scotland (HIC)
16—Czechoslovakia v Rumania (EC)
Rumania v Czechoslovakia (U23)
18—Scotland v N. Ireland (HIC)
19—European Cup Winners Cup Final
Hungary v Bulgaria (EC)
Hungary v Bulgaria (U23)
England v Wales (HIC)
22—England v Scotland (HIC)
Wales v N. Ireland (HIC)
25—Sweden v Austria (U23)
26—Sweden v Austria (EC)
Finland v Wales (EC)
Denmark v Belgium (EC)
30—Eire v Austria (EC)

JUNE

2—European Cup Final
6—West Germany v Albania (EC)
Hungary v Scotland
8—Norway v Bulgaria (U23)
9—Sweden v Italy (EC)
Norway v Bulgaria (EC)
Denmark v Scotland (EC)
10—Italy v Sweden (U23)
11—West Germany v Albania (U23)
12—West German Cup Final
West Germany v Albania (EC)
16—Czechoslovakia v Finland (U23)
Finland v Czechoslovakia (EC)
18—Greece v Malta (EC)
20—French Cup Final

JULY

7 or
9—Russia v Cyprus (EC)

SEPTEMBER

4—Austria v Sweden (U23)
5—Austria v Sweden (EC)
7—Norway v France (U23)
8—Norway v France (EC)
22—Finland v Rumania (EC)
Rumania v Finland (U23)
Russia v N. Ireland (EC)
Poland v Turkey (EC)
Turkey v Poland (U23)
25—Bulgaria v Hungary (EC)
Bulgaria v Hungary (U23)

OCTOBER

9—France v Hungary (EC)
Italy v Sweden (EC)
Holland v East Germany (U23)
Poland v West Germany (U23)
10—Holland v East Germany (EC)
Hungary v France (U23)
Italy v Sweden (U23)
Austria v Eire (EC)
Poland v West Germany (EC)
13—Switzerland v England (EC)
Wales v Finland (EC)
N. Ireland v Russia
Scotland v Portugal (EC)
15—Yugoslavia v East Germany (U23)
16—Yugoslavia v East Germany (EC)
27—Hungary v Norway (EC)
Hungary v Norway (U23)
Spain v Russia (EC)
Russia v Spain (U23)
Yugoslavia v Luxembourg

NOVEMBER

10—England v Switzerland (EC)
France v Bulgaria (EC)
Scotland v Belgium (EC)
N. Ireland v Spain (EC)
11—Bulgaria v France (U23)
14—Rumania v Czechoslovakia (EC)
Czechoslovakia v Rumania (U23)
Albania v Turkey (EC)
Turkey v Albania (U23)
16—West Germany v Poland (U23)
17—Luxembourg v Holland (EC)
West Germany v Poland (EC)
21—Portugal v Belgium (EC)
24—Rumania v Wales (EC)*
Spain v Cyprus (EC)
27—Italy v Austria (EC)
28—Austria v Italy (U23)

DECEMBER

1—England v Malta (EC)
5—Poland v Turkey (EC)
Turkey v Poland (U23)
11—Bulgaria v France (EC)
12—France v Bulgaria (U23)
*—denotes provisional date

One permanent fixture—Billy Bremner of Leeds United lining up for Scotland.

SOCCERTISTICS

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ARGENTINA

July 19 (end week) (Metropolitan Championship) — Independiente 2, Platense 3; River Plate 3, Los Andes 2; Estudiantes de La Plata 3, Newell's Old Boys 1; Chacarita Juniors 1, San Lorenzo 2; Union de Santa Fe 1, Gimnasia y Esgrima de La Plata 0; Huracan 0, Racing Club 0; Banfield 0, Atlanta 0; Rosario Central 5, Colon de Santa Fe 0. **(July 16)**—Platense 0, Boca Juniors 0; **(July 21)**—Argentinos Juniors 1, Boca Juniors 0; **(July 23)**—Lanus 0, Velez Sarsfield 2.

July 26: (Metropolitan Championship—final games) — River Plate 6, Union de Santa Fe 0; Colon de Santa Fe 3, Estudiantes 1; **(July 27)** — Boca Juniors 1, Banfield 0; Platense 1, Huracan 1; Racing Club 2, Independiente 3; Newell's Old Boys 1, Rosario Central 1; Atlanta 1, Argentinos Juniors 2; San Lorenzo 4, Lanus 0; Gimnasia 0, Quilmes 2; Los Andes 1, Velez Sarsfield 2.

(Metropolitan Championship—final table)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Independiente	20	12	3	5	43	25	27
River Plate	20	10	7	3	42	24	27
San Lorenzo	20	7	11	2	36	20	25
Boca Juniors	20	10	5	5	30	19	25
Newell's Old Boys	20	8	9	3	28	26	25
Platense	20	9	6	5	24	19	24
Atlanta	20	8	6	6	29	26	22
Banfield	20	6	10	4	17	14	22
Gimnasia	20	8	5	7	28	26	21
Velez Sarsfield	20	8	5	7	27	26	21
Racing Club	20	5	11	4	26	22	21
Rosario Central	20	7	7	6	26	23	21
(all twelve teams qualify for National Championship)							
Chacarita Jun.	20	8	4	8	22	23	20
Huracan	20	6	7	7	33	32	19
Quilmes	20	6	5	9	24	32	17
Estudiantes	20	4	9	7	22	26	17
(all four play-off for two places in National Championship)							
Argentinos Jun.	20	5	7	9	21	33	17
Union Santa Fe	20	6	4	10	24	35	16
Lanus	20	4	5	11	22	35	13
Colon Santa Fe	20	3	5	12	21	40	11
Los Andes	20	2	5	13	22	41	9

August 2 (play-offs)—Estudiantes 1, Chacarita Juniors 1; Quilmes 1, Huracan 0.

August 9 (play-offs)—Estudiantes 2, Huracan 1; Quilmes 0, Chacarita Juniors 0.

August 16 (play-offs)—Estudiantes 1, Quilmes 1; Chacarita Juniors 2, Huracan 1.

BOLIVIA

July 26: Bolivar 3, 31st de Octubre 1; Always Ready 4, Universitario 1; Chaco 2, Ferroviario 2; Municipal 3, Mariscal Santa Cruz 0.

August 2: The Strongest 7, Always Ready 1; Municipal 3, 31st de Octubre 0; Chaco 3, Mariscal Santa Cruz 0; Ferroviario 2, Universitario 0.

1.	The Strongest	16 pts.
	Chaco	16 "
3.	Municipal	13 "
4.	Mariscal	11 "
	Ferroviario	11 "
5.	31st de Octubre	9 "
	Always Ready	9 "
	Bolivar	9 "
	Universitario	9 "

BRAZIL

(Carioca League)

July 12: Vasco de Gama 4, Bangu 2; Fluminense 1, Madureira 0; America 2, Campo Grande 0.

July 16: America 4, Madureira 1; Fluminense 4, Bonsucesso 0; Vasco de Gama 0, Campo Grande 0; Botafogo 3, San Cristovao 0; Olaria 3, Portuguesa 0.

July 19: Botafogo 3, Campo Grande 0; Flamengo 1, Bonsucesso 0; America 2, Portuguesa 0; **(July 20)** — Vasco de Gama 1, Fluminense 1; Bangu 0, San Cristovao 0; Olaria 1, Madureira 1.

July 26: Fluminense 2, San Cristovao 0; America 1, Olaria 1.

August 2: Fluminense 2, Flamengo 0; San Cristovao 1, Portuguesa 0.

August 6: Fluminense 3, Bangu 2; Olaria 1, Flamengo 0; San Cristovao 0, Campo Grande 0; Botafogo 1, Bonsucesso; America 3, Vasco de Gama 1; Madureira 1, Portuguesa 0.

(Carioca League)

1.	America	15 pts.
2.	Fluminense	14 "
	Botafogo	14 "
4.	Flamengo	13 "
	Vasco de Gama	13 "

(San Paulo League)

July 16: San Paulo 3, Santos 2; Corinthians 2, San Bento 0; Ferroviaria 3, Palmeiras 3; Ponte Preta 1, Guarani 0; Botafogo 0, Portuguesa 1.

July 17: San Paulo 2, Ferroviaria 1.

July 19: Ponte Preta 2, Portuguesa 1; Santos 5, Guarani 2; Corinthians 1, San Paulo 0; Palmeiras 1, San Bento 0; Ferroviaria 1, Botafogo 0.

July 23: Palmeiras 0, Ponte Preta 0; Ferroviaria 1, San Bento 0.

July 26: Corinthians 2, Palmeiras 1; Ferroviaria 0, Ponte Preta 1; San Paulo 2, Botafogo 1; San Bento 2, Guarani 0; Santos 2, Portuguesa 1.

August 2: Corinthians 2, Santos 2; Palmeiras 1, Botafogo 0; Ponte Preta 1, San Bento 0; Ferroviaria 2, Portuguesa 1.

August 6: Santos 5, Guarani 1; Ponte Preta 2, San Bento 1; Portuguesa 0, Ferroviaria 0.

August 9: Botafogo 1, Corinthians 1; Ferroviaria 0, San Bento 0; Ponte Preta 0, Palmeiras 0; San Paulo 3, Santos 2.

August 13: Corinthians 4, Guarani 0; Palmeiras 3, San Bento 3; Santos 5, Ferroviaria 0.

1.	Ponte Preta	17 pts.
2.	San Paulo	15 "
	Santos	15 "
4.	Corinthians	14 "
5.	Palmeiras	13 "
6.	Ferroviaria	12 "
7.	Guarani	10 "
8.	Portuguesa	9 "
9.	San Bento	7 "
10.	Botafogo	2 "

CHILE

(Metropolitan Championship)

July 19: Universidad Catolica 3, Audax-Italiano 0; Palestino 2, Magallanes 0; O'Higgins 2, Union Espanola 1; Universidad de Chile 4, Colo Colo 1.

July 26: Union Espanola 2, Universidad de Chile 1; Colo Colo 1, Audax-Italiano 0.

Final Standings:	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Union Espanola	14	10	2	2	23	10	22
Uni. Catolica	14	9	2	3	30	18	20
Colo Colo	14	6	3	5	20	16	15
Uni. de Chile	14	4	7	3	28	25	15
O'Higgins	14	3	6	5	17	19	12
Audax-Italiano	14	3	4	7	18	26	10
Palestino	14	4	3	7	19	25	11
Magallanes	14	2	3	9	12	27	7

(Provincial Championship)

July 19: La Serena 1, Green Cross 1; Antofagasta 4, Huachipato 2; Rangers de Talca 2, Everton 1; Lota Schwager 3, Wanderers 1; Concepcion 3, La Calera 3.

July 26: Concepcion 1, Everton 0; Huachipato 3, Wanderers 0; Green Cross 3, Rangers 1; La Calera 0, Antofagasta 0.

Final Standings:	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Concepcion	18	9	5	4	35	24	23
Green Cross	18	8	6	4	34	24	22
La Serena	18	8	6	4	24	17	22
Huachipato	18	8	4	6	29	22	20
Everton	18	6	7	5	26	24	19
Antofagasta	18	6	7	5	19	19	19
Rangers	18	6	4	8	22	24	16
Lota Schwager	18	5	5	8	26	26	15
Wanderers	18	5	4	9	19	24	14
Union La Calera	18	2	6	10	23	43	10

(National League)

August 2 (Section A): Universidad de Chile 1, Lota Schwager 0; Universidad Catolica 5, Union Calera 1; Antofagasta 0, Audax-Italiano 1; Concepcion 2, Huachipato 0. **(Section B):** Union Espanola 1, Everton 1; Colo Colo 1, Magallanes 3; Wanderers 3, Palestino 1; La Serena 1, Rangers 1. **(Inter-Section):** O'Higgins 0, Green Cross 0.

COLOMBIA

July 19: Deportivo Cali 3, Cucuta 0; Bucaramanga 1, Independiente Santa Fe 3; Once Caldas 1, Medellin 1; Millionarios de Bogota 2, America 0; Quindio 0, Union Magdalena 0; Junior 2, Tulima 2; Nacional 6, Pereira 0.

July 26: Independiente Santa Fe 1, Nacional 1; America 2, Bucaramanga 2; Medellin 1, Deportivo Cali 2; Union Magdalena 2, Junior 1; Cucuta 2, Millionarios 1; Tolima 0, Once Caldas 0; Pereira 1, Quindio 0.

August 2: Deportivo Cali 1, Union Magdalena 0; Millionarios 2, Medellin 0; Independiente Santa Fe 3, Barranquilla 0; America 4, Quindio 1; Bucaramanga 3, Nacional 1; Pereira 1, Once Caldas 3.

MEXICO

July 19: (First Division)—Universidad 2, Atlante 0; Cruz Azul 3, Toluca 2; Atlas 3, Leon 2; Pachuca 3, Torreon 0.

July 26: Laguna 0, America 0; Oro 1 Universidad 2; Monterrey 2, Pachuca 0

PARAGUAY

July 19: Cerro Porteno 3, Rubio Nu 0; Sol de America 4, River Plate 1; Pettirosi 2, Olimpia 1; Guarani 0, Libertad 0; Nacional 1, Sportivo Luqueno 0.

July 26: Cerro Porteno 1, River Plate 0; Libertad 3, Pettirosi 0; Luqueno 2, Sol de America 0.

August 2: Cerro Porteno 2, Pettirosi 0; Olimpia 2, Guarani 1; Libertad 2, Sportivo Luqueno 0; Sol de America 1, Nacional 1; Rubio Nu 0, River Plate 0.

1.	Cerro Porteno	20 pts.
2.	Guarani	16 "
3.	Libertad	15 "
4.	Olimpia	13 "
5.	River Plate	12 "
6.	S. America	11 "
7.	Nacional	9 "
	Sp. Luqueno	9 "
9.	Rubio Nu	8 "
10.	Pettirosi	7 "

PERU

July 19: (First Division) — Universitario 1, SIMA 0; Sport Boys 1, Miraflores 1; Sporting Cristal 2, Defensor Arica 0; Municipal 2, Torino 1; Alianza Lima 2, Octavio Espinoza 0; Juan Aurich de Chiclana 1, Defensor Lima 1; Miguel Grau 2, Carlos Manucci de Trujillo 0.

July 26: Universitario 4, Miraflores 0; Sporting Cristal 3, Juan Aurich 1; Defensor Lima 3, Alianza Lima 1; Defensor Arica 4, Sport Boys 0; SIMA 2, Miguel Grau 0; Deportivo Municipal 1, Carlos Manucci 1; Torino 2, Octavio Espinoza 1.

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August 2: Universitario 3, Sport Boys 1; Deportivo Municipal 1, SIMA 0; Miguel Grau 1, Miraflores 0; Torino 1, Defensor Lima 1; Octavio Espinoza 0, Carlos Manucci 0; Juan Aurich 2, Defensor Arica 0.

August 9: Universitario 0, Defensor Arica 0; Alianza Lima 2, Juan Aurich 2; SIMA 0, Octavio Espinoza 0; Miraflores 1, Deportivo Municipal 1; Sporting Cristal 3, Torino 0; Sport Boys 4, Miguel Grau 2; Carlos Manucci 2, Defensor Lima 1.

August 16: Sporting Cristal 3, Carlos Manucci 2; Defensor Arica 2, Alianza Lima 0; Octavio Espinoza 3, Miraflores 0.

1.	Universitario	16 pts.
2.	Sporting Cristal	15 ..
3.	Juan Aurich	11 ..
	Defensor Lima	11 ..
	Carlos Manucci	11 ..
6.	Alianza Lima	8 ..
	SIMA	8 ..
	Dep. Municipal	8 ..
	Miraflores	8 ..
	Defensor Arica	8 ..
	Torino	8 ..
	O. Espinoza	8 ..
13.	Miguel Grau	7 ..
	Sport Boys	7 ..

URUGUAY
(First Division)

July 19: Penarol 5, Sudamerica 0; Liverpool 1, Racing 1; Huracan Buceo 1, Defensor 0; Cerro 2, Rampla Juniors 0; Nacional 2, River Plate 0.

July 26: Racing 2, Cerro 0; Rampla Juniors 2, Bella Vista 1; Liverpool 1, River Plate 0; Huracan Buceo 1, Sudamerica 1; Nacional 4, Defensor 1.

August 2: Nacional 2, Sudamerica 1; Penarol 3, Rampla Juniors 1; Cerro 1, River Plate 0; Defensor 0, Liverpool 0; Racing 1, Bella Vista 0.

August 9: Penarol 3, Racing 1; Huracan Buceo 1, Rampla Juniors 1; Cerro 0, Defensor 1; Bella Vista 1, River Plate 1; Liverpool 1, Sudamerica 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nacional	4	4	0	0	13	3	8
Penarol	4	4	0	0	14	4	8
Liverpool	5	3	2	0	7	1	8
Huracan Buceo	4	2	2	0	4	2	6
Racing	5	2	1	2	6	9	5
Cerro	4	2	0	2	3	3	4
Bella Vista	4	1	1	2	3	4	3
Rampla Juniors	5	1	1	3	4	11	3
Sudamerica	5	0	1	4	2	10	1
River Plate	5	0	1	4	1	6	1

VENEZUELA

July 19: Deportivo Canarias 0, Deportivo Italia 0; Deportivo Valencia 2, Deportivo Galicia 1.

Deportivo	Valencia	9 pts.
Deportivo	Canarias	8 ..
Deportivo	Lara	7 ..
Deportivo	Italia	7 ..

AUSTRIA

W/E August 9: (Cup, first round) — Steyr 1, Sturm Graz 5; Kundl 1, Vienna 4; Wiener Sportklub 2, Lustenau 0; Dornbirn 0, Voest Linz 3.

W/E August 16: Admira 1, Austria Wien 0; Wacker Wien 1, Rapid Wien 1; Sturm Graz 3, Wacker Innsbruck 1; Linz ASK 4, Radentheim 3; Wattens 2, Grazer AK 1; Schwarzweiss Bregenz 0, Austria Salzburg 1; Simmering 2, Voest Linz 1; Wiener Sportklub 0, Vienna 2.

W/E August 23: Austria Wien 1, Austria Salzburg 2; Admira Energie 6, Wacker Wien 2; Grazer AK 1, Wiener Sportklub 1; Voest Linz 3, Wattens 2; Radentheim 2, Simmering 1; Wacker Innsbruck 3, Linz ASK 1; Rapid Wien 1, Sturm Graz 0; Vienna 3, Schwarzweiss Bregenz 1.

W/E August 30: Rapid Wien 3, Simmering 1; Admira Energie 4, Linz ASK 3; Grazer AK 2, Austria Salzburg 1; Wacker Innsbruck 1, Wattens 1; Voest Linz 1, Bregenz 1; Austria Wien 2, Vienna 1; Sturm Graz 4, Wacker Wien 2; Radentheim 1, Wiener Sportklub 0. **(Midweek)**—Wacker Wien 1, Austria Wien 1; Sturm Graz 1, Admira Energie 0; Linz ASK 1, Rapd Wien 3; Simmering 2, Wacker Innsbruck 3; Wattens 4, Radentheim 1; Wiener Sportklub 5, Voest Linz 1; Schwarzweiss Bregenz 4, Grazer AK; Austria Salzburg 1, Vienna 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rapid Wien	4	3	1	0	8	3	7
Admira Energie	4	3	0	1	11	6	6
Sturm Graz	4	3	0	1	8	4	6
Wiener SK	4	2	1	1	16	5	5
Wattens	4	2	1	1	9	6	5
Vienna	4	2	1	1	7	4	5
Austria Salzburg	4	2	1	1	5	4	5
Wa. Innsbruck	4	2	1	1	8	7	5
SW Bregenz	4	1	1	2	6	6	3
Austria Wien	4	1	1	2	4	5	3
Grazer AK	4	1	1	2	5	8	3
Voest Linz	4	1	1	2	6	10	3
Simmering	4	1	0	3	6	9	2
Linz ASK	4	1	0	3	9	13	2
Wacker Wien	4	0	2	2	6	12	2
Radentheim	4	1	0	3	7	19	2

BULGARIA

August 26: **(Cup Final)** — Levski-Spartak 2, CSKA 1.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

W/E August 9: ZVL Zilina 3, SKLO Union Teplice 0; Slavia Prague 1, TJ Gottwaldov 0; Dukla Prague 4, Lokomotiva Kosice 1; Slovan Bratislava 1, Banik Ostrava 2; Tatran Presov 1, Inter Bratislava 0; Jednota Trencin 2, Spartak Trnava 0; TZ Trinec 1, Sparta Prague 0; Skoda Pilsen 1, VSS Kosice 3.

W/E August 16: SKLO Union Teplice 3, VSS Kosice 1; Spartak Trnava 3, TZ Trinec 2; Inter Bratislava 0, Jednota Trencin 0; Banik Ostrava 0, Tatran Presov 0; TJ Gottwaldov 3, Dukla Prague 1; ZVL Zilina 3, Slavia Prague 0; Sparta Prague 2, Skoda Pilsen 2; Lokomotiva Kosice 0, Slovan Bratislava 1.

W/E August 23: SKLO Union Teplice 1, Sparta Prague 0; Spartak Trnava 2, VSS Kosice 0; Inter Bratislava 0, Skoda Pilsen 1; Banik Ostrava 1, TZ Trinec 0; TJ Gottwaldov 1, Tatran Presov 0; ZVL Zilina 0, Slovan Bratislava 0; Slavia Prague 0, Dukla Prague 3; Lokomotiva Kosice 2, Jednota Trencin 0; **(Midweek)** — Tatran Presov 0, Lokomotiva Kosice 0; Jednota Trencin 1, Banik Ostrava 0; VSS Kosice 1, Sparta Prague 1; Slavia Prague 1, SKLO Union Teplice 0; TZ Trinec 0, Inter Bratislava 0; Slovan Bratislava 1, TJ Gottwaldov 2; Skoda Pilsen 0, Spartak Trnava 0; Dukla Prague 2, ZVL Zilina 1.

W/E August 30: SKLO Union Teplice 0 Spartak Trnava 0; Inter Bratislava 3, Sparta Prague 0; Banik Ostrava 2, VSS Kosice 1; TJ Gottwaldov 0, TZ Trinec 1; ZVL Zilina 0, Jednota Trencin 2; Slavia Prague 0, Tatran Presov 2; Lokomotiva Kosice 3, Skoda Pilsen 0; **(Midweek)**—Sparta Prague 1, Spartak Trnava 0; Slovan Bratislava 0, Slavia Prague 2; Skoda Pilsen 0, Banik Ostrava 1; Dukla Prague 0, Union Teplice 1; TZ Trinec 1, Lokomotiva Kosice 0; VSS Kosice 2, Inter Bratislava 1; Tatran Presov 1, ZVL Zilina 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Banik Ostrava	6	4	1	1	6	3	9
Jednota Trencin	5	3	1	1	5	2	7
Tatran Presov	6	2	3	1	4	2	7
TZ Trinec	6	3	1	2	5	4	7
SKLO U. Teplice	6	3	1	2	5	5	7
Dukla Prague	5	3	0	2	10	6	6
TJ Gottwaldov	5	3	0	2	6	4	6
ZVL Zilina	6	2	2	2	8	5	6
Spartak Trnava	6	2	2	2	5	5	6
Slavia Prague	6	3	0	3	4	8	6
VSS Kosice	6	2	1	3	8	10	5
Lok. Kosice	6	2	1	3	6	6	5
Inter Bratislava	6	1	2	3	4	4	4
Sparta Prague	6	1	2	3	4	8	4
Skoda Pilsen	6	1	2	3	4	9	4
Slovan Bratislava	5	1	1	3	3	6	3

DENMARK

W/E August 16: Horsens 0, Aalborg 1.

W/E August 23: Vejle 1, Aalborg 3; B 1903 Kopenhagen 2, Akademisk 2; B 1901 Nykobing 0, Aalborg 0; KB Kopenhagen 2, Bronshoj 0; **(Midweek)** —B 1913 Odense 0, Akademisk 0; B 1903 0, KB Kopenhagen 1; Bronshoj 1, Hvidovre 0; B 1901 Nykobing 3, Frem 1; Randers Freja 1, Horsens 0.

W/E August 30: Hvidovre 2, Frem 0; B 1913 Odense 2, Randers Freja 1; Horsens 0, Vejle 3; Randers Freja 0, B 1903 Kopenhagen 6; Aalborg 2, Hvidovre 2; Frem 4, Horsens 0; Bronshoj 2, B 1901 Nykobing 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bronshoj	14	7	4	3	18	16	18
B 1901	14	6	5	3	20	18	17
Akademisk	13	5	5	3	24	18	15
Hvidovre	14	6	3	5	18	15	15
Randers Freja	14	5	4	5	17	22	14
B 1903	14	5	3	6	29	23	13
Vejle	13	6	1	6	26	23	13
Frem	14	5	3	6	20	20	13
Aalborg	14	5	3	6	19	19	13
B 1913	13	5	3	5	17	21	13
KB Kopenhagen	13	5	1	7	15	17	11
Horsens	14	2	5	7	12	23	9

EAST GERMANY

W/E August 23: Carl Zeiss Jena 7, Sachsenring Zwickau 3; Union Berlin 4, Rotweiss Erfurt 1; Lokomotive Leipzig 1, Chemie Leipzig 0; Magdeburg 1, Vorwaerts Berlin 0; Hansa Rostock 0, Wismut Aue 1; Dynamo Dresden 0, Stahl Riesa 0; Dynamo Berlin 1, Chemie Halle 0.

W/E August 30: Dynamo Dresden 3, Carl Zeiss Jena 0; Sachsenring Zwickau 2, Magdeburg 3; Vorwaerts Berlin 5, Lokomotive Leipzig 1; Chemie Leipzig 1, Dynamo Berlin 2; Chemie Halle 3, Union Berlin 1; Rotweiss Erfurt 2, Hansa Rostock 0; Stahl Riesa 1, Wismut Aue 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Magdeburg	2	2	0	0	4	2	4
Dynamo Berlin	2	2	0	0	3	1	4
Dynamo Dresden	2	1	1	0	3	0	3
Stahl Riesa	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Vorwaerts	2	1	0	1	5	2	2
Carl Zeiss Jena	2	1	0	1	7	6	2
Union Berlin	2	1	0	1	5	4	2
Chemie Halle	2	1	0	1	3	2	2
Wismut Aue	2	1	0	1	1	1	2
Lok. Leipzig	1	1	0	1	4	5	2
Rotweiss Erfurt	2	1	0	1	3	4	2
Hansa Rostock	2	0	0	2	0	3	0
Chemie Leipzig	2	0	0	2	1	5	0
Sachsenring Zw.	2	0	0	2	5	10	0

FRANCE

W/E August 9: St. Etienne 2, Nantes 3; Strasbourg 1, Marseille 2; Sedan 6, Angers 3; Nimes 3, Angouleme 1; Bordeaux 1, Sochaux 2; Metz 1, Bastia 0; Red Star Paris 3, Valenciennes 2; Rennes 0, Reims 0; Nice 2, Lyon 0; Ajaccio 5, Nancy 0.

W/E August 16: Metz 0, Nice 0; Angers 2, Nancy 1; Nantes 2, Sedan 0; Angouleme 1, St. Etienne 1; Marseille 1, Ajaccio 0; Valenciennes 3, Nimes 1; Sochaux 2, Red Star Paris 1; Olympique Lyon 2, Strasbourg 2; Reims 3, Bordeaux 0; Bastia 2, Rennes 2.

W/E August 23: St. Etienne 1, Sochaux 0; Bordeaux 3, Olympique Lyon 0; Nancy 1, Nantes 2; Strasbourg 0, Valenciennes 0; Rennes 0, Metz 0; Nimes 3, Marseille 0; Sedan 1, Angouleme 1; Ajaccio 0, Angers 0; Nice 2, Bastia 0; Red Star Paris 2, Reims 1.

W/E August 30: Ajaccio 2, Nantes 1; Nice 1, Angouleme 4; Bordeaux 2, Bastia 0; Strasbourg 2, Reims 0; Nimes 1, Lyon 1; Sedan 0, Valenciennes 1; Red Star Paris 0, Metz 0; **(Midweek)**: Metz 1, Bordeaux 0; Marseille 5, Sedan 0; Rennes 2, Nimes 0; Lyon 3, Ajaccio 0; Reims 1, Nice 1; Nantes 1, Angers 0; Bastia 2, Red Star Paris 1; Angouleme 1, Nancy 0; Valenciennes 0, St. Etienne 1; Sochaux 1, Strasbourg 0.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nantes	5	4	0	1	9	5	8
Rennes	5	2	3	0	5	2	7
Metz	5	2	3	0	2	0	7
Marseille	4	3	0	1	8	4	6
Nice	5	2	2	1	5	2	6
Angouleme	5	2	2	1	8	6	6
Sochaux	5	3	0	2	6	5	6
St. Etienne	4	2	1	1	5	4	5
Ajaccio	5	2	1	2	7	5	5
Nimes	5	2	1	2	8	7	5
Valenciennes	5	2	1	2	6	5	5
Red Star Paris	5	2	1	2	7	7	5
Bordeaux	5	2	0	3	6	6	4
Reims	5	1	2	2	5	5	4
Strasbourg	5	1	2	2	5	5	4
Lyon	5	1	2	2	6	8	4
Sedan	5	1	1	3	7	11	3
Bastia	5	1	1	3	4	8	3
Angers	5	1	1	3	5	12	3
Nancy	5	1	0	4	4	11	2

HOLLAND

W/E August 23: Feijenoord 4, DOS Utrecht 1; Excelsior 0, AZ '67 Alkmaar 0; Telstar 1, Sparta Rotterdam 4; Volendam 0, Twente 1; ADO Den Haag 3, NAC 0; MVV Maastricht 0, Holland Sport 1; NEC 0, Ajax Amsterdam 0; Go Ahead 1, Haarlem 1.

W/E August 30: Sparta Rotterdam 5, Excelsior 1; Twente 1, Telstar 1; PSV Eindhoven 4, Volendam 2; NAC 1, DWS Amsterdam 4; Holland Sports 2, ADO den Haag 3; Ajax Amsterdam 2, MVV Maastricht 0; Haarlem 1, NEC 1; DOS Utrecht 4, Go Ahead 1; AZ '67 0, Feijenoord 4.

W/E September 6 (Midweek): PSV Eindhoven 1, DWS Amsterdam 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Feijenoord	2	2	0	0	8	1	4
Sparta	2	2	0	0	9	2	4
ADO	2	2	0	0	6	2	4
PSV	2	2	0	0	5	2	4
Ajax	2	1	1	0	2	0	3
Twente	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
DWS	2	1	0	0	4	2	2
Haarlem	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Holland Sport	2	1	0	1	3	3	2
NEC	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Utrecht	2	1	0	1	5	5	2
Telstar	2	0	1	1	2	5	1
Go Ahead	2	0	1	1	2	6	1
Excelsior	2	0	1	1	1	5	1
AZ '67	2	0	1	1	0	4	1
Volendam	2	0	0	2	2	5	0
MVV	2	0	0	2	0	3	0
NAC	2	0	0	2	1	7	0

HUNGARY

W/E August 9: MTK Budapest 1, Csepel 1; Ujpest Dozsa 5, Salgotarjan 0; Honved 4, Raba ETO Gyor 0; Pecs 4, Szombathely 1; Tatabanya 1, Ferencvaros 2; Szeged 0, Vasas Budapest 2; Diosgyor 1, Komlo 1; Dunaujvaros 1, Videoton 0.

W/E August 16: Komlo 0, Ujpest Dozsa 6; Videoton 1, MTK Budapest 1; Salgotarjan 3, Dunaujvaros 1; Raba ETO Gyor 2, Szeged 0; Szombathely 3, Diosgyor 2; Ferencvaros 3, Pecs 1; Csepel 2, Honved 1; Vasas Budapest 2, Tatabanya 0.

W/E August: Pecs 3, Vasas Budapest 1; Szombathely 2, Ferencvaros 0, Szeged 0, Csepel 1; Tatabanya 2, Raba ETO Gyor 0; Dunaujvaros 2, Komlo 0; Honved 2, Videoton 1; Ujpest Dozsa 5, Diosgyor 1; **(Cup Final in Midweek)** Ujpest Dozsa 3, Komlo 2.

W/E August 30: Diosgyor 1, Dunaujvaros 0; Komlo 1, MTK Budapest 1; Salgotarjan 3, Honved 1; Raba ETO Gyor 0, Pecs 1; Ujpest Dozsa 4, Szombathely 2; Videoton 1, Szeged 0; Vasas Budapest 2, Ferencvaros 1; Csepel 0, Tatabanya 1; **(Midweek)** Honved 4, Komlo 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	BP	Pts
Ujpest Dozsa	4	4	0	0	20	3	(8)	16
Honved	5	3	0	2	12	7	(7)	13
Vasas	4	3	0	1	7	4	(6)	12
Ferencvaros	4	2	0	2	6	6	(8)	12
Pecs	4	3	0	1	9	5	(5)	11
Csepel	4	2	1	1	4	3	(6)	11
MTK	3	0	3	0	3	3	(7)	10
Dunaujvaros	4	2	0	2	4	4	(4)	8
Tatabanya	4	2	0	2	4	4	(3)	8
Diosgyor	4	1	1	2	5	9	(5)	8
Szombathely	4	2	0	2	8	10	(3)	7
Salgotarjan	3	2	0	1	6	7	(2)	6
Videoton	4	1	1	2	3	4	(3)	6
Komlo	5	0	2	3	3	14	(2)	4
Raba ETO Gyor	4	1	0	3	2	7	(1)	3
Szeged	4	0	0	4	0	6	(1)	1

(Figures in brackets are bonus points gained during the unofficial League staged during the summer)

NORWAY

W/E August 16: Fredrikstad 0, Hamarkam 0; Hodd 1, Brann 2; Pors 1, Stromgodset 3; Skeid 0, Rosenborg 2; Viking 3, Sarpsborg 2; **(Midweek)** Sarpsborg 0, Skeid 3; Stromgodset 3, Hodd 4; Hamarkam 4, Viking 2; Fredrikstad 1, Pors 2.

W/E August 23: Hodd 1, Fredrikstad 2; Sarpsborg 0, Rosenborg 0; Stromgodset 4, Hamarkam 2; Viking 4, Pors 0; **(Midweek)**: Brann 1, Stromgodset 0; Rosenborg 1, Viking 0; Sarpsborg 1, Fredrikstad 1; Skeid 4, Pors 1; Hamarkam 4, Hodd 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rosenborg	13	8	3	2	11	2	19
Stromgodset	13	8	2	3	29	16	18
Hamarkam	13	7	3	3	22	11	17
Sarpsborg	13	7	2	4	16	14	16
Viking	13	6	2	4	19	15	14
Brann	12	5	3	4	11	9	13
Fredrikstad	13	2	6	5	11	16	10
Skeid	12	3	2	7	13	15	8
Pors	13	3	1	9	9	31	7
Hodd	13	2	2	9	12	24	6

RUMANIA

W/E August 30: Progresul Bucharest 1, CFR Cluj 0; Dinamo Bucharest 2, Dinamo Bacau 1; Jiul Petroseni 0, UT Arad 2; Arges Pitesti 0, Steagul rosu Brasov 1; Petrolul Ploiesti 3, Politehnica Jassi 1; CFR Timisoara 0, Universitatea Craiova 1; Farul Constanta 2, Steaua Bucharest 1; Universitatea Cluj 1, Rapid Bucharest 0.

RUSSIA

W/E August 9 (Cup Final): Dynamo Moscow 2, Dynamo Tbilisi 1; **(Midweek):** Dynamo Minsk 0, Spartak Moscow 0; Torpedo Kutaisi 0, CSKA Moscow 1.

W/E August 16: Dynamo Minsk 2, Tschernomorez Odessa 0; Spartak Moscow 2, CSKA Moscow 1; Dynamo Kiev 0, Dynamo Moscow 2; Ararat Erewan 2, Torpedo Kutaisi 1; Sarja Voroschilovgrad 2, SKA Rostov 2; Dynamo Thilisi 1, Neftschi Baku 0; Pachtakor Taschkent 1, Spartak Ordshonikidse 0; Schachtjor Donezk 1, Zenit Leningrad 0; **(Midweek):** Spartak Moscow 2, Torpedo Kutaisi 0; SKA Rostov 0, Dynamo Kiev 1; Dynamo Moscow 2, Zenit Leningrad 0; Neftschi Baku 1, Pachtakor Taschkent 1; Tschernomorez Odessa 0, Torpedo Moscow 0; Sarja Voroschilovgrad 5, Schachtjor Donezk 1; Spartak Ordshonikidse 2, Ararat Erewan 0.

W/E August 23: Spartak Moscow 3, Zenit Leningrad 0; Pachtakor Taschkent 2, Dynamo Tbilisi 1; Neftschi Baku 1, Spartak Ordshonikidse 0; Ararat Erewan 1, CSKA Moscow 2; Dynamo Kiev 0, Sarja Voroschilovgrad 0; SKA Rostov 3, Torpedo Moscow 3; Dynamo Minsk 1, Dynamo Moscow 1; **(Midweek)** Torpedo Moscow 2, Pachtakor Taschkent 0; Sarja Voroschilovgrad 1, Dynamo Moscow 0; Dynamo Tbilisi 4, Schachtjor Donezk 1; Dynamo Kiev 0, Spartak Moscow 1; Neftschi Baku 0, SKA Rostov 0; Dynamo Minsk 3, Ararat Erewan 1; Torpedo Kutaisi 3, Spartak Ordshonikidse 0.

W/E August 30: CSKA Moscow 3, Torpedo Moscow 1; Pachtakor Taschkent 1, Sarja Voroschilovgrad 1; SKA Rostov 3, Zenit Leningrad 0; Ararat Erewan 2, Dynamo Kiev 0; Spartak Ordshonikidse 1, Dynamo Minsk 0; Torpedo Kutaisi 4, Schachtjor Donezk 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spartak Moscow	21	10	8	3	35	16	28
Dynamo Moscow	20	11	5	4	28	12	27
Dynamo Tbilisi	19	10	5	4	28	14	25
CSKA Moscow	20	11	3	6	30	14	25
SKA Rostov	21	6	12	3	19	13	24
Dynamo Kiev	21	10	4	7	21	17	24
Torpedo Moscow	20	8	7	5	22	20	23
Sarja. Voroschilovgrad	21	7	9	5	17	18	23
Ararat Erewan	21	9	4	8	21	21	22
Neftschi Baku	20	6	8	6	18	14	20
Dynamo Minsk	21	6	7	8	23	21	19
Pachtakor Tasch.	21	5	8	8	14	30	18
Torpedo Kutaisi	21	4	8	9	16	21	16
Schachtjor Donezk	20	5	5	10	18	38	15
Spartak Ordshon.	21	4	5	12	19	31	13
Tscherno. Odessa	18	3	6	9	10	21	12
Zenit Leningrad	20	4	4	12	16	34	12

SWEDEN

W/E August 16: Djurgarden 3, Goteborg 3; Elfsborg 1, Atvidaberg 2; GAIS Goteborg 1, Oester 1; Malmo FF 5, AIK Stockholm 1; Oerebro 5, Hammarby 2; Norrkoping 5, Oergryte 0.

W/E August 23: Djurgarden 3, Malomo FF 0; Goteborg 0, Oester 2; Norrkoping 6, Elfsborg 0; Oerebro 5, GAIS Goteborg 0; Oergryte 0, AIK Stockholm 1; **(Midweek):** AIK Stockholm 0, Oergryte 1; Elfsborg 0, Norrkoping 0; Malmo FF 0, Djurgarden 0; GAIS Goteborg 2, Oerebro 0; Oester 1, Gotebrg 2; Atvidaberg 1, Hammarby 0.

W/E August 30: Hammarby 3, Goteborg 1; Atvidaberg 0, Malmo FF 2; Oester 2, Elsfborg Boras 2; GAIS Goteborg 1, Djurgarden 3; **(Midweek):** Hammarby 3, Atvidaberg 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Djurgarden	13	7	4	2	25	15	18
Atvidaberg	12	8	1	3	25	15	17
Malmo FF	13	6	4	3	17	14	16
Oester	13	4	5	4	16	16	13
Elfsborg	13	4	5	4	17	19	13
GAIS	13	4	5	4	17	22	13
AIK	12	4	4	4	11	14	12
Norrkoping	12	4	3	5	19	10	11
Oerebro	12	5	1	6	19	13	11
Oergryte	12	3	4	5	11	20	10
Gotebrg	13	3	2	8	20	29	8
Hammarby	12	3	2	7	12	22	8

SWITZERLAND

W/E August 17: Bellinzona 0, Grasshoppers 3; La Chaux-de-Fonds 1, Lugano 0; Servette 1, Basel 1; Sion 2, Fribourg 0; Winterthur 2, Biel 0; Young Boys 1, Lucerne 3; Zurich 2, Lausanne 5.

W/E August 23: Biel 1, Sion 1; La Chaux-de-Fonds 2, Zurich 2; Fribourg 1, Young Boys 3; Grasshoppers 1, Servette 2; Lausanne 4, Winterthur 0; Lugano 1, Basel 1; Lucerne 4, Bellinzona 0.

W/E August 30: Basel 3, Grasshoppers 1; Bellinzona 1, Fribourg 2; Servette 2, Lucerne 1; Sion 5, Lausanne 1; Winterthur 2, La Chaux-de-Fonds 1; Young Boys 2, Biel 1; Zurich 0, Lugano 1.

W/E September 2: Lucerne 0, Sion 2; Grasshoppers 2, Young Boys 1; Basel 5, Bellinzona 2; Lausanne 3, La Chaux-de-Fonds 2; Fribourg 0, Winterthur 0; Lugano 3, Servette 1; Biel 0, Zurich 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sion	4	3	1	0	10	2	7
Basel	4	2	2	0	10	5	6
Lausanne	4	3	0	1	13	9	6
Lugano	4	2	1	1	5	3	5
Servette	4	2	1	1	6	6	5
Winterthur	4	2	1	1	4	5	5
Lucerne	4	2	0	2	8	5	4
Grasshoppers	4	2	0	2	7	6	4
Young Boys	4	2	0	2	7	7	4
Chaux-de-Fonds	4	1	1	2	6	7	3
Zurich	4	1	1	2	5	8	3
Fribourg	4	1	1	2	3	6	3
Biel	4	0	1	3	2	6	1
Bellinzona	4	0	0	4	3	14	0

Rangers Alfie Conn (8) duels with two Falkirk defenders.

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WEST GERMANY

W/E August 16: Borussia Monchengladbach 2, Kickers Offenbach 0; VfB Stuttgart 1, Bayern Munchen 1; Rotweiss Essen 2, Hannover 96 0; Borussia Dortmund 3, Arminia Bielefeld 0; Hertha Berlin 5, Kaiserslautern 3; Eintracht Brunswick 3, Schalke 04 3; MSV Duisberg 2, Rotweiss Oberhausen 2; Werder Bremen 1, Koln 1; Eintracht Frankfurt 0, Hamburger SV 0.

W/E August 23: Schalke 04 1, MSV Duisberg 0; Rotweiss Oberhausen 1, VfB Stuttgart 2; Hannover 96 1, Eintracht Frankfurt 2; Hamburger SV 2, Borussia Monchengladbach 2; Kickers Offenbach 2, Werder Bremen 1; Bayern Munchen 1, Hertha BSC 0; Koln 3, Eintracht Brunswick 1; Kaiserslautern 1, Borussia Dortmund 0; Arminia Bielefeld 0, Rotweiss Essen 0.

W/E August 30: Hertha BSC 3, Rotweiss Oberhausen 1; Borussia Monchengladbach 0, Hannover 96 0; Borussia Dortmund 0, Bayern Munchen 0; VfB Stuttgart 1, Schalke 04 1; Eintracht Frankfurt 1, Arminia Bielefeld 1; Eintracht Brunswick 1, Werder Bremen 0; Rotweiss Essen 4, Kaiserslautern 0; **(Cup Final)** Kickers Offenbach 2, Koln 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rotweiss Essen	3	2	1	0	6	0	5
Hertha BSC	3	2	0	1	8	5	4
Monchengladbach	3	1	2	0	4	2	4
Schalke 04	3	1	2	0	5	4	4
VfB Stuttgart	3	1	2	0	4	3	4
Ein. Frankfurt	3	1	2	0	3	2	4
Bayern Munchen	3	1	2	0	2	1	4
Koln	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
Bor. Dortmund	3	1	1	1	3	1	3
E. Brunswick	3	1	1	1	5	6	3
Hamburger SV	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Kickers Offenbach	2	1	0	1	2	3	2
Arminia Bielefeld	3	0	2	1	1	4	2
Kaiserslautern	3	1	0	2	4	9	2
MSV Duisberg	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Werder Bremen	3	0	1	2	2	4	1
RW Oberhausen	3	0	1	2	4	7	1
Hannover 96	3	0	1	2	1	4	1

YUGOSLAVIA

W/E August 23: Sloboda Tuzla 0, Vojvodina Novi Sad 1; Radnicki Kragujevac 2, OFK Belgrade 0; Velez Mostar 1, Radnicki Nis 0; Borac Banyaluca 1, Crvenka 1; Red Star Belgrade 1, Maribor 0; Bor 1, Sarajevo 2; Partizan Belgrade 2, Olimpija Ljubljana 0; Zeleznicar Sarajevo 1, Dinamo Zagreb 0; Hajduk Split 1, Celik Zenica 1.

W/E August 30: Partizan Belgrade 0, Sarajevo 0; Red Star Belgrade 1, Radnicki Nis 2; Hajduk Split 1, Maribor 0; Velez Mostar 3, OFK Belgrade 4; Borac Banyaluca 1, Dinamo Zagreb 3; Zeleznicar Sarajevo 2, Sloboda Tuzla 0; Radnicki Kra. 1, Vojvodina Novi Sad 0; Olimpija 1, Celik Zenica 0; Bor 1, Crvenka 0; **(Midweek):** OFK Belgrade 2, Zeleznicar 0; Crvenka 1, Red Star Belgrade 0; Sarajevo 1, Hajduk Split 1; Radnicki Nis 3, Borac 2; Vojvodina Novi Sad 2, Olimpija Ljubljana 2; Maribor 3, Bor 2; Celik Zenica 0, Partizan Belgrade 2; Dinamo Zagreb 1, Velez Mostar 1; Sloboda Tuzla 0, Radnicki Kra. 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Velez Mostar	3	2	1	0	5	1	5
Partizan	3	2	1	0	4	0	5
Radnicki Kra.	3	2	1	0	3	0	5
Radnicki Nis	3	2	0	1	5	4	4
Hajduk Split	3	1	2	0	3	2	4
Zeleznicar	3	2	0	1	3	2	4
Sarajevo	3	1	2	0	2	1	4
Dinamo Zagreb	3	1	1	1	4	3	3
Vojvodina	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
Crvenka	3	1	1	1	2	2	3
Olimpija	3	1	1	1	3	4	3
Bor	3	1	0	2	4	5	2
Maribor	3	1	0	2	3	4	2
Red Star	3	1	0	2	2	3	2
OFK Belgrade	3	1	0	2	2	5	2
Borac	3	0	1	2	4	7	1
Celik	3	0	1	2	1	4	1
Sloboda	3	0	1	2	0	3	1

BRITISH RESULTS

AUGUST 24

English League Cup, first round replays: Darlington 3 Doncaster Rovers 1; Tranmere Rovers 4 Crewe Alexandra 1.

AUGUST 25

English Division One: Arsenal 1 Huddersfield Town 0; Burnley 0 Manchester United 2; Coventry 0 Wolverhampton Wanderers 1; Southampton 0 Tottenham 0; Liverpool 1 Crystal Palace 1.

English League Cup, first round replays: Swansea Town 4 Exeter 2 (after extra-time).

AUGUST 26

English Division One: Chelsea 2 Everton 2; Derby County 2 Ipswich Town 0; Leeds United 3 West Ham United 0; Manchester City 2 Blackpool 0; Newcastle United 1 Nottingham Forest 1; West Bromwich Albion 5 Stoke City 2.

English League Cup, first round replays: Wrexham 2 Birmingham City 3; Bournemouth 1 Torquay United 2.

Scottish League Cup: Airdrie 1 St. Johnstone 0; Alloa Athletic 2 Brechin City 0; Clyde 1 Hearts 5; Dumbarton 3 Berwick Rangers 2; Dundee United 2 Celtic 2; Dunfermline Athletic 1 Motherwell 1; Falkirk 1 Clydebank 0; Hibernian 4 Aberdeen 0; Kilmarnock 2 Dundee 1; Montrose 2 East Stirling 1; Morton 0 Glasgow Rangers 3; Partick Thistle 1 East Fife 3; Queen of the South 1 Stirling Albion 1; Raith Rovers 0 Cowdenbeath 2; St. Mirren 1 Ayr United 2; Arbroath 5 Albion Rovers 3.

AUGUST 29

English Division One: Burnley 0 Leeds United 3; Chelsea 2 Arsenal 1; Everton 0 Manchester City 1; Huddersfield Town 0 Derby County 0; Manchester United 1 West Ham United 1; Newcastle United 1 Blackpool 2; Nottingham Forest 4 Wolverhampton Wanderers 1; Southampton 1 Ipswich Town 0; Stoke City 0 Crystal Palace 0; Tottenham 1 Coventry 0; West Bromwich Albion 1 Liverpool 1.

Scottish Division One: Aberdeen 1 Airdrie 1; Ayr United 4 Dunfermline Athletic 1; Celtic 2 Morton 0; Cowdenbeath 0 Dundee 1; Dundee United 1 Hibernian 1; Falkirk 1 Clyde 1; Hearts 1 St. Johnstone 3; Motherwell 4 Kilmarnock 1; St. Mirren 0 Glasgow Rangers 0.

AUGUST 31

English Division One: West Ham United 1 Southampton 1.

SEPTEMBER 1

English Division One: Arsenal 0 Leeds United 0; Burnley 0 Chelsea 0; Huddersfield Town 1 Tottenham 1; Ipswich Town 2 Wolverhampton Wanderers 3.

SEPTEMBER 2

English Division One: Crystal Palace 1 Blackpool 0; Manchester United 2 Everton 0; Stoke City 0 Nottingham Forest 0; West Bromwich Albion 1 Newcastle United 2; Derby County 3 Coventry City 4.

Scottish League Cup, Supplementary Round play-off, second-leg: Stranraer 2 Partick Thistle 2, Partick win 4-3 on aggregate.

SEPTEMBER 5

English Division One: Arsenal 2 Tottenham 0; Blackpool 0 Southampton 3; Coventry City 0 Huddersfield Town 0; Crystal Palace 2 Nottingham Forest 0; Derby County 1 Newcastle United 2; Ipswich Town 3 Burnley 0; Leeds United 1 Chelsea 0; Liverpool 1 Manchester United 1; Manchester City 4 West Bromwich Albion 1; West Ham United 1 Everton 2; Wolverhampton Wanderers 1 Stoke City 1.

Scottish Division One: Airdrie 3 Motherwell 0; Clyde 0 Celtic 5; Dundee 1 Aberdeen 2; Dunfermline Athletic 1 Cowdenbeath 2; Hibernian 0 Hearts 0; Kilmarnock 1 St. Mirren 2; Morton 3 Ayr United 2; Glasgow Rangers 2 Falkirk 0; St. Johnstone 1 Dundee United 1.

SEPTEMBER 8

English League Cup, second round: Bristol Rovers 2 Newcastle United 1; Derby County 3 Halifax Town 1; Ipswich Town 0 Arsenal 0; Luton Town 3 Workington 0; Mansfield 0 Liverpool 0; Oldham Athletic 2 Middlesbrough 1; Queen's Park Rangers 4 Cardiff City 0; Sheffield United 1 Leeds United 0; Rotherham United 0 Bristol City 0; Swindon 4 Watford 2; West Bromwich Albion 3 Charlton 1.

SEPTEMBER 9

English League Cup, second round: Aldershot 1 Manchester United 3; Aston Villa 2 Burnley 0; Blackpool 4 Newport 1; Bolton Wanderers 1 Blackburn Rovers 0; Carlisle United 2 Manchester City 1; Colchester United 1 Birmingham City 1; Crystal Palace 3 Rochdale 3; Darlington 0 Fulham 4; Huddersfield Town 0 Nottingham Forest 0; Leicester City 3 Southampton 2; Lincoln City 2 Sunderland 1; Norwich City 0 Chester 0; Oxford United 1 Wolverhampton Wanderers 0; Plymouth Argyle 1 Walsall 0; Sheffield Wednesday 1 Chelsea 1; Stoke City 0 Millwall 0; Torquay United 1 Preston North End 3; Tottenham 3 Swansea Town 0; Tranmere Rovers 1 Coventry City 1; West Ham United 1 Hull City 0; York City 0 Northampton Town 0.

Scottish League Cup, quarter-finals first legs: Dundee 2 Celtic 2; Falkirk 0 Cowdenbeath 1; Hibernian 1 Glasgow Rangers 3; Partick Thistle 3 Dumbarton 3.

SEPTEMBER 12

English Division One: Burnley 1 Arsenal 2; Chelsea 2 Wolverhampton Wanderers 2; Everton 2 Ipswich Town 0; Huddersfield Town 0 Crystal Palace 2; Manchester United 2 Coventry City 0; Newcastle United 0 Liverpool 0; Nottingham Forest 0 Manchester City 1; Southampton 4 Derby County 0; Stoke City 3 Leeds United 0; Tottenham 3 Blackpool 0; West Bromwich Albion 2 West Ham United 1.

Scottish Division One: Aberdeen 0 St. Johnstone 0; Ayre United 1 Kilmarnock 1; Celtic 2 Glasgow Rangers 0; Cowdenbeath 1 Hibernian 4; Dundee United 3 Dundee 2; Falkirk 0 Airdrie 2; Hearts 3 Dunfermline Athletic 0; Motherwell 2 Clyde 1; St. Mirren 2 Morton 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P.
Leeds United	8	6	1	1	13	5	13
Manchester City	7	5	2	0	10	2	12
Arsenal	8	4	3	1	12	5	11
Crystal Palace	8	4	3	1	7	2	11
Southampton	8	3	3	2	11	6	9
Manchester Utd.	8	3	3	2	8	7	9
Chelsea	8	2	5	1	10	9	9
Tottenham	8	3	3	2	10	7	9
Liverpool	7	2	5	0	9	4	9
Nottm. Forest	8	2	4	2	10	8	8
Newcastle	8	3	2	3	9	11	8
Stoke City	8	2	4	2	9	8	8
Derby County	8	3	1	4	13	23	7
Coventry City	8	3	1	4	7	9	7
Huddersfield	8	2	3	3	7	9	7
Everton	8	2	3	3	11	12	7
West Brom. A.	8	2	3	3	14	16	7
Wolverhampton	8	2	2	4	12	19	6
West Ham Utd.	8	0	5	3	8	13	5
Blackpool	8	2	1	4	5	14	5
Ipswich Town	8	1	2	5	3	10	4
Burnley	8	0	3	5	3	13	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P.
Celtic	3	3	0	0	9	0	6
Airdrie	3	2	1	0	6	1	5
St. Mirren	3	2	1	0	4	2	5
Hibernian	3	1	2	0	5	2	4
St. Johnstone	3	1	2	0	4	2	4
Motherwell	3	2	0	1	6	5	4
Dundee Utd.	3	1	2	0	5	4	4
Aberdeen	3	1	2	0	3	2	4
Ayr United	3	1	1	1	7	5	3
Hearts	3	1	1	1	4	3	3
Rangers	3	1	1	1	2	2	3
Dundee	3	1	0	2	4	5	2
Morton	3	1	0	2	4	6	2
Cowdenbeath	3	1	0	2	3	6	2
Kilmarnock	3	0	1	2	3	7	1
Falkirk	3	0	1	2	1	5	1
Clyde	3	0	1	2	2	8	1
Dunfermline	3	0	0	3	2	9	0

West Ham boss Ron Greenwood, cheerful as ever, despite his club's poor start to the season.

NEWCASTLE UNITED

Back row, left to right: Alan Foggon, John Hope, John McNamee, Bob Moncur, Ian McFaul, Ron Guthrie. Centre row: Dave Smith (trainer), Keith Dyson, John Cowan, Phil McGovern, David Craig, Dave Elliott, Ollie Burton, Mr. Joe Harvey (manager). Front row: John Craggs, David Young, Ben Arentoft, Bryan Robson, David Ford, Frank Clark, Tommy Gibb and Jimmy Smith.